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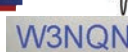
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This month's cover:

In November, sixty-five years ago, six visionaries founded the Quarter Century Wireless Association, incorporated in New York. There have been 36,000 members of our organization since that famous time in Ham Radio history. The founders became Silent Keys between 1962 and 1994; however, QCWA continues to serve about 6,000 active members today. To read more about the Founders please go to <http://www.qcwa.org/founders.htm> and enjoy!

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From the President

Ken Oelke, VE6AFO



Winter 2012

In my last report I mentioned I had a great time at the QCWA-2012 Reno Convention. That comment was not entirely true since the convention had yet to take place. Of course I knew it was going to be a great time, but I somewhat misled you. It was a fabulous time! Now you see how difficult it is to write about something, which will occur, but has yet to happen!

The atmosphere was most pleasant and many of the new friends I met, and acquainting myself with old friends, was just wonderful! The food and presentations were great - nothing boring on this front, and the banquet keynote speaker, Nancy Erley, KI7DP, kept us entertained with a lovely presentation of her adventures while sailing around the world, not once, but twice. For those who were not there – you missed an absolutely great event hosted by Chapters 11 and 190. Chairman Al Montoya, WB6IMX, pulled it off in grand style!

The Board of Directors' meeting deliberations and decisions were many. I will try to summarize the salient points, and the rest you will be able to read in the minutes that will later appear in a subsequent Journal.

First - the Winter 2012 Journal will be the last one to be published in the printed form. In its place will be a monthly eJournal in a digital format. This will be in lieu of the quarterly printed Journal. This major decision was essential in order to eliminate a deficit budget for year 2013. QCWA has not achieved a balanced budget for several years, and the need to curb further losses is most imperative. The financial reservoir is nearing the empty mark, however, the QCWA Scholarship program and funds are secure and in grand financial shape!

While on the subject of finances – I want every one to know that your Board of Directors all serve without being reimbursed for any of their out of pocket expenses. This also includes all costs related to attending Board meetings on behalf of the membership.

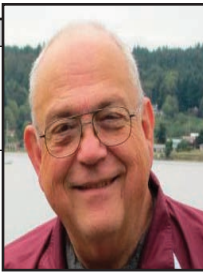
On another matter – by the time you read this, our recently installed General Manager, Jim LaPorta, N1CC, will not be renewing his management contract for 2013. The Board will be selecting a new management team to manage the affairs of QCWA. Stay tuned for more information on this front.

Speaking of staying tuned – watch for a new QCWA Bulletin Service coming to you in the future. This new service will be available to all members and non-members, and should be implemented by the time you read this. For those who are already subscribed to the QCWA Reflectors, a message will be sent explaining how you can subscribe. Otherwise – the QCWA Web site will explain how you can subscribe. The wonderful thing about this new bulletin service is you will not be receiving any comments back from other subscribers. It will be a 'one way' messaging system to keep you abreast of QCWA affairs. Spread the word to your friends so they too can subscribe and be informed.

In the meantime – turn on your computer and begin learning how to access the QCWA "Members Only" web page. Volunteer QCWA Webmaster Bob Roske, N0UF, has set this up gratis for all to enjoy. There is a wealth of new information there for you and your chapter; as well as this is where you will find your new QCWA eJournal online.

Finally, at the Board meeting in Reno, Nevada, the Board filled the vacant director position with Sue Simpson, N8AJU, as a result of the recent resignation of LeRoy (Baldy) Baldwin, W0OFY. We wish Baldy the best in his future endeavors and welcome Sue to the Board of Directors.

73,
Ken Oelke, VE6AFO
QCWA President



GENERAL MANAGER'S Report →

Jim LaPorta, N1CC

Winter 2012

Hello everyone! This is my farewell column – as I am the seventh General Manager and the last of the breed. Elsewhere in this issue you will read about the new distributed organization that replaces the General Manager position.

My efforts included steps needed to be taken to make the QCWA HQ operate like a business. That was a huge challenge, partially met, yet we were unable to recover from previous years of accumulated losses. Some \$9,000 was saved by changing the size and weight of the Journal. Other steps to automate operations and to reduce the waste of using USPS to send paper to members and deliver by email solved some losses and improvement of our relationships with member supply vendors saved another \$4,000.

The Reno 2012 Annual Board meeting brought all of the losses to a head and the BOD took some extraordinary steps. That did not include my services, so I am going back to my other business starting in January 2013. I am pleased that Linda and I were able to move QCWA more into the 21st Century, and hope the organization will recover. As I write this on Veterans Day I want to comment on my choice of cover – the QCWA Founders' are akin to the Founders of the United States with very similar ultimate goals. Those of us who are Veterans often had involvement in the winning of the wars the western world waged against those that disagree with our Founders' beliefs. To commemorate those Veterans and Members, I would like to suggest that you visit all of the websites listed here.

Canada

http://www.c-and-e-museum.org/te_tp9.htm

United States

<http://www.coldwar.org/>

United Kingdom

<http://www.bletchleypark.org.uk/>

Hams, and many QCWA members take an active part in the preservation of history, and are key to the accuracy and content on these websites...for us to reach the goals of the QCWA Founders' and the Founders' of the United States we must help preserve history through education. I'll see you on-the-air in contests and know that you will help QCWA move forward and be here for those that are yet to qualify. Growth in our membership is critical for continuation of QCWA and depends on every member.

73,

Meet Your New Activities Manager

Ted Edwards, W3TB



Ted Edwards has been continuously licensed since becoming a Novice Class beginner in 8th Grade with the callsign KN3UWF, held W1AJS for many years, and now holds the Extra Class license since 1977 with the callsign W3TB. He also holds a Class A license in England as GØPWW.

Ted is a retired Navy Chaplain with the rank of Commander and a retired priest in the Episcopal Church.

He is primarily a CW operator and has lived overseas in Iceland and England on duty with the Navy. He has contested from Iceland, England, Isle of Man, Italy, France, Spain, Turkey, Israel, Bermuda and Costa Rica.

Ted is a member Tidewater Chapter 119 and living in Williamsburg, Virginia. Ted is an ARRL member and also belongs to PVRC, FCG, Williamsburg Area ARC and Dayton ARA.

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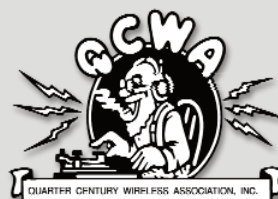
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Its affairs are governed by a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Board of Directors, whose voting members are elected every two years by the general membership.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

Changes in QCWA

By Ken Simpson, W8EK

Remember that song from years ago, "The Times, They are a Changing?" For QCWA, the times really are changing. Many changes took place at the Board of Directors meeting in Reno, Nevada, on September 24. The changes introduced then have now reached fruition, but more subtle changes are yet to come.

At the board meeting, your directors made some "tough decisions." We had no choice. We either made these tough decisions, or we went bankrupt. It was that simple. Your board made the decision to make QCWA a viable entity going forward, and to financially move QCWA into the black in 2013.

The four largest expenses for QCWA (from largest to smallest) is the cost of the Journal, the General Manager's contract fee, the fee we pay our expensive MA CPA and the editor's fee. The other expenses are small in comparison. The board chose to eliminate the first three of these as much as possible. The changes in the Journal will be addressed elsewhere, but I will discuss the others.

As you probably know, Jim LaPorta, N1CC, our present General Manager, chose not to renew his contract, which expires December 31, 2012. The board had a choice of starting a search committee, or taking other bold steps. The board chose the latter. We will be using all volunteers to handle the functions that have been handled by the General Manager, thus saving the organization the second largest expense in the budget. We will be splitting the job into smaller pieces, in essence "decentralizing" the General Manager's position.

At this point, we will be dividing this position into six parts that are critical to the operation of QCWA. We are fortunate to have identified people to handle all of these positions. They will take over on December 1, so we can have a smooth transition. The positions and people involved are as follows:

Executive Administrator – Ken Simpson, W8EK
Executive Assistant – Sue Simpson, N8AJU
Disbursement Administrator – Roberta Cohen, WA2FRW
Certificate Custodian – Vic Culver, W4VIC
Membership Supplies Coordinator – Myron Cherry, K4YA
Membership Renewal Coordinator – automated/Exec Admin/Exec Asst

The duties of these people will be outlined in January when the new monthly edition of the digital Journal will debut.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

This also means we will be closing the Texas headquarters and moving it to Florida. By the time you read this, the change will have already taken place. Effective immediately, the address for QCWA is:

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The new QCWA phone number is 352-425-1097. We have established mail service at qcwa.org for email. These addresses are published on the QCWA Web site now.

The third expense is our CPA. We have had a CPA in Massachusetts that simply was not meeting our needs, especially considering the amount we were paying them. The board chose to terminate the services of this CPA. As a result, we are looking for a volunteer CPA, probably from the ranks of QCWA members. Ideally, we are looking for a retired or semi-retired CPA that is/has been licensed. At this writing, this person has not been identified. If you would like to volunteer, or possibly know someone that would fit these criteria, please contact us. We are also looking for a volunteer lawyer.

The fourth expense is that of our editor. This will be the only paid position QCWA will have. Since we are moving from a quarterly Journal to a monthly Journal, it is only fair that this fee should increase. All of the other newly established positions will serve without compensation and will be on a volunteer basis only.

With these changes, QCWA should save enough to finally put us back into a balanced budget for 2013, or even a small surplus, which has not been realized over the past several years. If you have questions, please let me know, and we will do our best to answer.

By-Law Change

Article III Board of Directors
(Change for 2014 Voting Cycle)

Section 5. Each Officer and Director of the Association shall serve for a term of two (2) years or until a successor is duly elected.

Revised to:

Section 5. Each Officer and Director of the Association shall serve for a term of three (3) years or until a successor is duly elected.

Want to know all the details from the September QCWA National Convention in Reno?

The Reno Board of Director's minutes are now available on the Members Only webpage. You can access these minutes at
<http://www.qcwa.org/members>.

Get your kicks on Route 66!

Yes, you have heard that line from music of America! Originally a Woody Guthrie tune it's been sung by over fifty well-known artists, and during the run of "Route 66" on broadcast TV from 1960-64, a slightly different tune was used to keep from having to pay royalties to Guthrie.

The mystique of this famous road from Chicago, IL to Los Angeles, CA continues to fascinate old TV buffs, and ham radio operators too! Conducted as a Special Event and with distinctive calls, the route is run on Ham Radio in September. This has been a fun event for nine years, and September 13-21 continued this tradition. 82nd Route 66 Anniversary!

One of the Key Cities is Amarillo – and Chapter 141 is the sponsor of one of the stations along the route.

Most years the Call used is "W6I" and Jim, K5BZH has been involved from the beginning. This article points out how a QCWA Chapter can get involved in a national or community event, furthering interest in QCWA and having fun at the same time!

A rapidly becoming very popular location on the WWW is Ham Radio Nation. Recently they posted

http://hamradination.com/browse_vidfeeders.php?tag=Route+66&keyword=Amateur+Radio

This link provides a sample of audio and video from one of the perspectives of the event. Since this kind of event often is operated as a contest-like activity, QSL cards are very important.

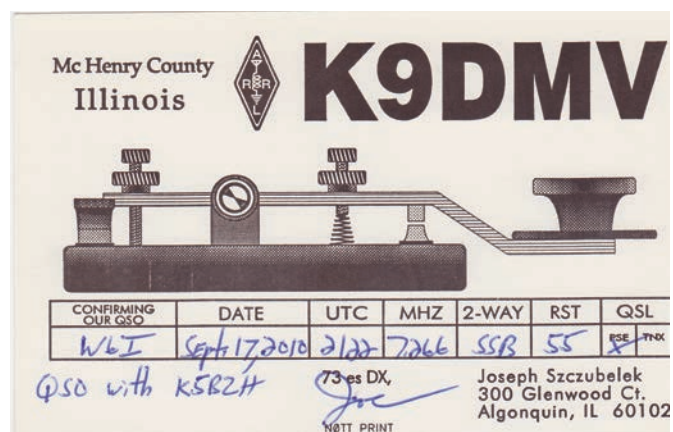
You can see the various cards for Amarillo's operation below:





Cards are lots of fun to collect – several folks have sent cards to the Special Event.

Cards like this classic design to the right from 2010 are answered promptly by the guys 'n gals who run each of the stations in the Route 66 operation.



They might get a contact with another of the Amarillo stations ... like this one to the left.

And there are other stations along the route too:

Stations – City - Club

- W6A - Santa Monica, CA - Westside ARC
- W6B - Los Angeles, CA - Westside ARC
- W6C - San Bernardino, CA - Citrus Belt ARC
- W6D - Victorville, CA - Victor Valley ARC
- W6E - Barstow, CA - Barstow ARC
- W6F - Kingman, AZ - Hualapai ARC
- W6G - Flagstaff, AZ - Northern Arizona DX Assn
- W6H - Albuquerque, NM - New Mexico ARA
- W6I - Amarillo, TX - Chapter 141, QCWA**
- W6J - Elk City, OK - Western Oklahoma ARC
- W6K - Oklahoma City, OK - No Club Affiliation

Stations – City - Club Continued...

W6L - Tulsa, OK - Tulsa ARC
 W6M - Riverton, KS - Wichita ARC
 W6N - Joplin, MO - Joplin ARC
 W6O - Lebanon, MO - Lebanon ARC
 W6P - St. Louis, MO - St. Louis ARC
 W6Q - Chicago, IL - Six Meter Club of Chicago

Some contacts have an unusual significance, such as N5EKG – in the quest for a “Clean Sweep” she emailed K5BZH and set a schedule with Jim to make that last city go into her logbook!

QSL cards for Special Events are a great way to advertise your Chapter, and have fun at the same time.

Hey! It is only 10 months until the next run along that famous highway ...

**“You'll see Amarillo
 Gallup, New Mexico
 Flagstaff, Arizona
 Don't forget Wynonna
 Kingman, Barstow, San
 Bernardino**

**Won't you get hip to this kindly
 tip**

**And go take that California trip
 Get your kicks on Route 66”**

73,

**Jim Musgrove, K5BZH
 and Jim LaPorta, N1CC**

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2	20 Oct 2013	At Sea		
3	21 Oct 2013	Oranjestad, Aruba	01:00 PM	11:00 PM
4	22 Oct 2013	Willemstad (Curacao), Antilles	08:00 AM	04:00 PM
5	23 Oct 2013	At Sea		
6	24 Oct 2013	Enter Panama Canal Cristobal	05:00 AM	05:00 AM
6	24 Oct 2013	Gatun Lake, Panama	09:00 AM	10:00 AM
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8	26 Oct 2013	At Sea		
9	27 Oct 2013	At Sea		
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RATES

All Rates (U.S. dollars) are per person based on double occupancy, capacity controlled and subject to change with out prior notice unless fully paid or under deposit. Fully paid or deposited guests will be protected, except for fuel surcharges, government taxes, other surcharges and changes to deposit, payment and cancellation terms/conditions which are subject to change without notice.

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<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Discounted Rate</u>	<u>Port*</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Gov Tax+</u>	<u>Insurance**</u>
K	Inside	\$854	\$245	\$1099	\$307.09	\$111.50
J	Inside	\$874	\$245	\$1119	\$307.09	\$111.50
G	Outside	\$984	\$245	\$1229	\$307.09	\$111.50
D	Lg Outside	\$1054	\$245	\$1299	\$307.09	\$111.50
C	Lg Outside	\$1124	\$245	\$1369	\$307.09	\$111.50
VD	Balcony	\$1354	\$245	\$1599	\$307.09	\$155.50
VC	Balcony	\$1474	\$245	\$1719	\$307.09	\$155.50
VB	Balcony	\$1544	\$245	\$1789	\$307.09	\$155.50
VA	Balcony	\$1614	\$245	\$1859	\$307.09	\$155.50
SS	Sup Balcony	\$1804	\$245	\$2049	\$307.09	\$199.50
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Another Question Pool Reset

Which type of HF wire antenna should be in the FCC Minimal Amateur Radio Emergency Go-Kit that you should carry in your car?

- A. Half-wave dipole
- B. Windom off center-fed
- C. Near Vertical Incident Skywave
- D. Inverted VEE

The above question is one for which every person who currently holds – or who will hold in the foreseeable future – an FCC-issued amateur operator/primary station license grant should know and observe. Read the FCC's answer at the end of this column.

It is a FCC guideline that signals a strong shift of emphasis in the federal government's regulation of our hobby. The FCC has reported to the congress that hams need training in homeland security. Read "BE Informed PROVIDING EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS No. 7.0 EMERGENCY!" That and other developments call for yet another reset in our volunteer examiner system. Our directive is codified in Section 97.503:

A written examination must be such as to prove that the examinee possesses the operational and technical qualifications required to perform properly the duties of an amateur service licensee.

Those duties change as new ideas and technology evolve. Our examinations should keep up with these changes. Historically, a reset can be so sweeping as to mark a new era. For instance, our VE system did just that. It was designed in 1983 by Amateur Extra Class operators who themselves were graduates of incentive licensing. They were FCC-qualified 20 wpm telegraphers who had passed examinations intended for that contentious era. Read "Be Informed BASICS No. 1.10 What Was Incentive Licensing?"

The incentive licensing architects were obviously overreacting to criticism back in the day from a retired

Chief Signal Officer of the U.S. Army, a bar association librarian of a large city, the president of a leading electronics manufacturing company, a college engineering instructor, and a state civil defense communications director. They deplored our low level of technical expertise. The hams they trashed, ironically, were the very same experts that were bringing us single-sideband, repeaters, remote control, satellites, solid-state applications, digital communication systems, etc.

Still, another era began as successive generations of volunteer replacements stepped in and took charge of our VE system. They soon spearheaded a movement for dispensing with all telegraphy examinations and for creating "... some form of entry level HF license category parallel to the Novice-Technician level." They petitioned our regulator to make "... the amateur service accessible to as many citizens as possible." In the Report and Order WT Docket No. 05-235, however, the FCC disagreed:

Current examinations for amateur radio licenses ensure, at a minimum, that the applicant understands the Commission's rules for the service and the fundamental principles of radio communication.

That era's VECs overreacted to the FCC's rejection of their pleadings. They abruptly scrapped one of those FCC-endorsed question pools and replaced it with a version obviously calculated to re-characterize our Technician Class operator license as easy-to-get by "... as many citizens as possible." Heretofore, Technician had been targeted for VHF/UHF experts. Technician Class operators who were licensed prior to February 14, 1991, were upgraded to General Class without examination.

That reset redirected our amateur service toward the general citizenry worldwide, rather than just amateurs. Section 97.3(a)(4) reserves the term amateur for duly authorized persons interested in radio technique solely with a personal aim and without pecuniary interest. This definition is also codified in SEC. 3. [47 USC 153](2) of

the Communications Act as well as No. 1.56 of the international Radio Regulations and the United States Code of Federal Regulations Title 47 Section 2.1(c). Professional communicators, the worldwide citizenry and non-licensees obviously do not meet this intended standard. We are now in an era where our organizers seem to be concerned only with increasing the number of listings on the ULS, whether amateur or professional. Read "BE Informed PROVIDING EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS No. 7.3 Can The Emergency Professional Communicators Commandeer Our Channels?"

Our VECs' Citizen (aka Technician) Class operators now comprise nearly half of our amateur service community. Their current era downplays the consequence that an individual Citizen Class operator is not necessarily capable of validating that his/her amateur station is compliant with the technical standards in Part 97, at least not to any degree comparable with the certification obligatory in the Part 80 maritime, Part 90 private land mobile, and Part 95 personal radio services. There, the apparatus is subject to FCC type certification. Our regulator must conclude that our preference for apparatus manufactured offshore negates any need for certification, or that our minority of technically qualified bona fide amateurs can still expose underperforming offerings.

Other operational and technical qualifications required to perform properly in this era and the duties of an amateur service licensee are changing. There is doubletalk about unlicensed under-licensed persons having rights and privileges to our amateur service radio spectrum; about a station operating (sic) beyond the license privileges of the participant using the station; and about amateur stations being operated by non-licensed persons. Read "BE Informed THIRD PARTY MESSAGE STATING PARTICIPANT No. 5.2 Where's the Rule?"

Our VECs must adjust to the times. Their prudent course should be to stress fundamentals. If they can get this right, it might be the way to surviving whichever adventures our amateur service community organizers, entrepreneurs, exploiters, and spectrum sharks try to steer us.

An amateur operator's first duty should be to avoid causing harmful RF radiation to themselves, their families and the general population. Read "BE Informed BASICS No. 1.1 Radio frequency Radiation Safety." Simply signing the CMA certification on Forms 605 is not enough in matters of safety to humans.

Their next most important duty is to avoid any disruption caused by his/her amateur station to the reception of transmissions of stations in any radio service.

Lastly, there is the duty to cooperate in the orderly

functioning of our amateur service in satisfying not only its stated purposes but also the additional purposes for which it is now being used - such as incorporating our regulator's strategy for public safety and homeland security, observing protocols for sharing our amateur service spectrum with professional communicators, accommodating the general citizenry worldwide, and obliging unlicensed/under-licensed operators. Now is the time to reset our VECs' question pools, concentrating upon these three duties.

Q. A rule change to reduce the three VE team to one or more VEs would go far toward alleviating much of the VE team unavailability problem. Why must there always be three VEs?

A. Because Section 97.509 says three. It is apparently codified in the rules to help deter cheating. It can, however, sometimes work the other way. When there is compelling evidence that the examinee was given beforehand the answers to the exact question set administered, the three-parallel paths trail of accountability makes it nearly impossible to prove who is to blame.

Q. Couldn't those few isolated examinees just sign some sort of certification?

A. That is a very pragmatic suggestion. If signing a certification is the right way to determine whether the person has actually read and truly understands something as vital as the RF safety rule, it must assuredly also be the right way to determine whether the person has read and understands all of the rules. A rule amendment, however, would be necessary. The certification could be either provisional or permanent:

I certify that I have read the applicable rules of 47 CFR Parts 0, 1, 2, 17, 97 and 214; that I understand all necessary good amateur and good engineering practices, and that I possess sufficient technical knowledge to make those rules and practices meaningful.

Q. We want to expand our amateur service community by introducing youth and as many other citizens as possible to what ham radio has to offer. The on-the-job apprentice training we provide to unlicensed persons is just as good as - if not superior to - the training now obtained from passing the VE's exams. Twenty hours operating a VHF/UHF station for a Tech; another twenty hours operating a MF/HF station for General should be plenty. Our amateur service community organizers must get those old-

fashioned restrictions changed ASAP. How can we skirt them in the meantime?

A. One scheme exploits the third party communications provision of Section 97.115. FCC-licensed stations are authorized to transmit messages for a third party to any station within the jurisdiction of the United States and to any station within the jurisdiction of any foreign government whose administration has made arrangements with the United States to allow amateur stations to be used for transmitting international communications on behalf of third parties. Section 97.115(b), moreover, authorizes the third party to participate in stating the message where the SCO is present at the control point and is continuously monitoring and supervising the third party's participation, and the third party is not otherwise ineligible to participate in stating his or her third party message. Read BE Informed BASICS No. 1.13 Visiting Operators.

Q. We should improve our VE procedures with modern technology to make FCC ham licenses more available everywhere in the World.

A. That is doable. Section 97.1(d) says the rules in Part 97 are designed to expand the existing reservoir of trained operators, technicians, and electronic experts. Even so, there probably are yet some citizens who are being left behind because there is no complete three-VE team on-hand to administer examinations.

Q. Section 97.509(c) requires our VE team to be present and observing our examinees throughout the examination. We have available audio/video (A/V) capabilities that could enable us to be present and observing almost as effectively from somewhere other than the exam room. We have A/V cell-phones, A/V teleconferencing apparatus, Internet A/V apparatus, A/V surveillance apparatus, and A/V recording apparatus. What changes in the rules are needed to allow this A/V apparatus to be used when administering examinations?

A. No changes are needed, provided your coordinating VEC supplies your VE team with appropriate instructions. Read Section 97.519.

Q. I heard that there was only one member of the three administering VE team present at an exam session in Antarctica. The other two were in Connecticut. How could that be?

A. One report states that an A/V teleconferencing sys-

tem was utilized such that two of the team's administering VEs were able to observe and communicate via a teleconferencing A/V system. Presumably, that procedure enabled them to do their supervising and observing throughout the examination. There was yet another report of a similar remotely-administered testing examination session on Molokai, HI.

Q. Section 97.509(c) has meant to our VE team that we must be present and observing our examinees within the same examination room. Why aren't rules changes required for A/V proctoring?

A. The Antarctica and Hawaii A/V sessions have demonstrated that the administering VEs can, with the aid of modern A/V apparatus, be sufficiently present – compliant with Section 97.509(c) – while being located somewhere other than where the examinee is positioned. It is a how-to matter for your coordinating VEC to allow when agreeing to coordinate your session.

Q. For sight-impaired examinees, our procedure is to read aloud the questions and listen to their spoken answers. Could our VE team and the examinee use an A/V interconnection in a similar procedure for those examinees who are unable to attend our regular exam sessions? Or, could we reinstitute a modern adaptation of the pre-VE system mail-back exams that utilizes A/V recordings for the VE team to observe while grading the mailed-back answer sheet?

A. Using those how-tos would depend upon your coordinating VEC's willingness to coordinate such examination sessions.

Q. Could some or all of our VE team do our administering via cell-phone A/V, e-mail, and the Internet? The question set could be one of the practice sets available from numerous providers over the Internet. At the onset of the examination our VE team would tell the examinee to use whichever practice question set we specify. Of course, we would take precautions to prevent the use of off-screen cue-card-prompting knowledge substitutes.

A. That how-to also would depend upon your coordinating VEC's willingness to coordinate such an examination session. Section 97.507(c) enables a question set to be prepared by the administering VEs according to instructions from the coordinating VEC. Administering one of the practice questions sets would have to be ac-

complished in a manner that would not make you non-compliant with Section 97.509(f); it says that no examination that has been compromised shall be administered to any examinee. The same question set may not be re-administered to the same examinee.

Q. Exam room proctoring is the most boring job in the entire VE system. Their constant hovering about the exam room sometimes rattles the examinees. Proctors, moreover, have a propensity to chit-chat, raising the noise level to where it can rattle the examinees. Couldn't we provide our examinees with a quieter setting while undergoing testing by relocating our proctors out of exam room and using an A/V surveillance system?

A. Certainly. That A/V how-to could also enable the graders and receptionists to do double duty as proctors.

Q. Section 97.505 says, "The administering VEs must give credit as specified below to an examinee holding any of the following license grants or license documents." Our VEs are concerned about

the language printed at the top of the reference copy which states, "In cases where FCC rules require the presentation, posting or display of an FCC license, this document may not be used in place of an official FCC license." In my opinion, for the purposes of Section 97.505, there is no such requirement. Can we accept a reference copy of a license as printed from the FCC ULS database?

A. Section 97.7(a) says in pertinent part that the control operator must be a person for whom an amateur operator/primary station license grant appears on the ULS. The only way to verify that the person's grant appears on the ULS is to view it directly on the ULS. Paper documents can be forged.

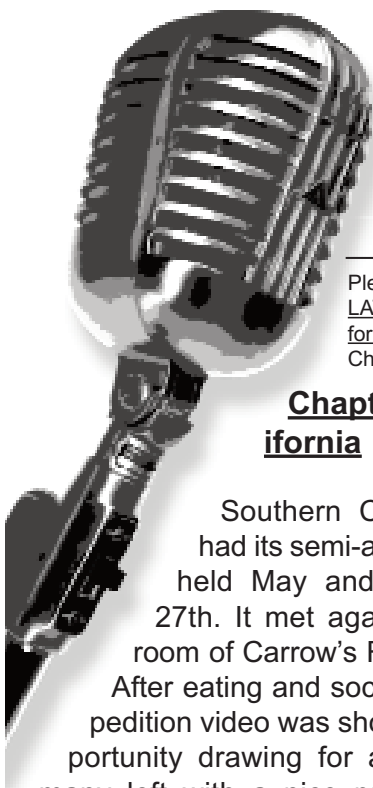
ANSWER TO QUESTION: The FCC Minimal Amateur Radio Emergency Go-Kit that you carry in your car should include a Near Vertical Incident Skywave (NVIS) HF wire antenna. Read "BE Informed PROVIDING EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS No. 7.1 Volunteer Emergency Communications."



Left to Right: Charlie Chapman K1WTG, Linda Towne N1ZYC, W3BE, Paul Towne N1ZYB and Betty Johnston W3BEJ were on hand in Raymond, Maine, to help John celebrate his birthday.

Read the rules - Heed the rules

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CHAPTER reports

Please send the reports to: Jim LaPorta, N1CC (n1cc@qcwa-hq.com) General Manager, to arrive **NO LATER** than the following dates: January 1 for Spring, April 1 for Summer, July 1 for Fall and October 1 for Winter. Reports received later than the deadline may not be published in the Journal! See below for Chapter Report submittal requirements!

Chapter 7, Southern California

Southern California's Chapter 7 had its semi-annual meeting (usually held May and November) on May 27th. It met again this time in a side room of Carrow's Restaurant in Norwalk. After eating and socializing, the T32C DXpedition video was shown. There was an opportunity drawing for all in attendance and many left with a nice prize. Californian Dan, WA6URY/7J1ABD, was in town from his normal location of Japan and wanted a picture of the group to take back to Japan and show them that QCWA does have meeting get-togethers in the U.S. Doug Dowds, W6HB, was elected to continue to lead the Chapter for another year and Bill Kendrick, N6RV, is continuing as Secretary. During introductions there were a couple that have major milestones coming soon. In addition, the Chapter 7 nets are ac-

tive and are listed in the back of the Journal under "Chapters On The Air".

Submitted by: Bill Kendrick, N6RV, Secretary

Chapter 8, Upper Midwest (MN)

Not much to report for Chapter 8, so I'll report on one of our members. Carrol B. 'Ben' Miller – WØDKL - QCWA #1573. Ben joined QCWA in 1955 and has been an active member longer than anyone else on the roster.

I had the pleasure of presenting Ben with his 80 year award in 2010, attending Ben's 100th Birthday Party last October and if I'm still around, I'll present his 85 year award in 2015! Licensed in 1930, Ben is tied for 3rd place for being the longest licensed active member. The first 6 are: Licensed in 1925: W2RP, Charles Hellman #9,731

Licensed in 1929: W4IF, Howell

Gwaltney #12,111

Licensed in 1930: WØDKL, Carrol B. 'Ben' Miller #1,573

Licensed in 1930: VK2XT, W.C. Hall, #6,657

Licensed in 1930: W4AIT, Weldon Fields #14,228

Licensed in 1930: KE4O, Leo Weiner #14,872

Thanks Guys! What a great hobby you've left us!

Submitted by: Bob Roske, NØUF



Chapter 7 poses for a photo for member WA6URY/J1ABD to take back to Japan with him.

ATTENTION! QCWA Chapter Report Guidelines: All Chapter reports need to follow these limits set by the Publications and Publicity Standing Committee: 500 words and two photos maximum. When taking photos, group together those receiving awards rather than individual photos. Those can always be posted on a Chapter webpage. We do NOT guarantee that all photos submitted will be used! When a Chapter report is submitted, include the Chapter number in the title and then the subject line of your email and with any photos submitted. Don't forget to send us photo CAPTIONS! Preferred formats are: Word (.doc), rtf or plain text. Photos attached should be a minimum of 4 inches wide, 300 dpi color (preferred) or grayscale. Larger is fine, and .JPG, .GIF, or .TIF formats are best. Submissions are to be made via e-mail to the Editor qcwaeditor@gmail.com & Executive Administrator ExecAdmin@qcwa.org

Chapter 17, Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton (PA)

Bethlehem, PA - Chapter 17 held its annual meeting on Saturday, September 8th at the Palace Restaurant in Bethlehem. This was the 23 annual meeting of the Chapter which is named for its founding member Richard Brown W3CJI.

For a certain age of hams, the name "Brownie" harkens to a style of QSL card popular in the 50's and 60's and produced by Brownie at his print shop. He advertised in ham journals, especially QST, where newly licensed young hams could only look with envy upon the sharp, stylish, classy QSL which most could not afford to purchase. By naming the Chapter in honor of Brownie, we recognize his work to organize the Chapter and his contributions to promoting QCWA.

Saturday evening's event was attended by some 16 Chapter members and guests including Jeff Bauer WA3PNY, Ron Raymond K3LPR, Robert Garland NX3S, Mel Bach W3SQ, Don Curtis W3LR, Jan Curtis WB3BJL, Mike Donio K3NWM, Joel Schwartz WA3IWC, and Ray Bilger W3TDF. While the evening was mostly devoted to fellowship, there was still time to conduct the business of annual meeting presided over by Chapter President Joel Schwartz WB3IWC.

First order of business was the passage of resolution thanking Chapter member Mel Bach W3SQ and his XYL Pat for hosting the annual picnic at their QTH. Another order of business was the election of officers for the next fiscal year beginning in October. The slate presented included: Joel Schwartz WB3IWC — President; Mel Bach W3SQ — Vice President; Mike Donio K3NWM — Secretary/Treasurer; Ray Bilger W3TDF and Ron Raymond K3LPR — Directors

A motion was duly made and seconded to close nominations and the slate was elected by acclamation.

We continue to meet on the third Saturday of the month at the Old Country Buffet restaurant in Whitehall, PA. This arrangement has worked out rather well and attendance ranges anywhere from a dozen to 18 at each meeting. Several of our meetings featured programs on antennas, lightening awareness and safety, new operating modes

and a recap of contests.

This year saw the resumption of the Chapter Net on Monday evenings, at 8:30 local time on 3962+/- depending on band conditions. Mel Bach W3SQ acts as Net Control Officer and all hams are invited to check-in. In order to encourage participation, members are sent a reminder a day prior to the net.

While our Field Day efforts are greatly reduced, Chapter president Joel Schwartz WB3IWC and vice president Mel Bach W3SQ took to the air this year using the Chapter call letters W3GS. Several members also participated in the annual PA QSO Party and the Winter Field Day exercise.

Like many chapters, our membership has fluctuated from year to year. At the present time, our membership stands at 29 which is up slightly from last year. We were fortunate to recruit four new members primarily through our "friends of QCWA" outreach program where we invite hams who aren't quite eligible for National membership to attend our meetings and get to know QCWA members. By far, this has been our most successful membership efforts as we've added about half dozen new members through this program.

Chapter 17 faces many challenges in the coming years; however, with the support of our membership and the continued success of our "friends of QCWA" outreach we look forward to maintaining a steady and active chapter membership.

Submitted by: Anonymous

Chapter 20, Chesapeake

There is a hint of Fall in the air here in the Chesapeake Bay area. The summer was hot, but now the cool nights allow windows to be opened. In keeping with this theme, the Chesapeake Chapter held its End of Summer Picnic at the home of John and Betty Johnston (W3BE & W3BEJ). Twenty-four members and wives attended the picnic. However, due to the lack of a suitable ball, the Annual Rugby Match was not held (maybe next year).

Planning has begun for the Annual Christmas Dinner, which will be at the Four Points (Sheraton) near the BWI Airport. The program will include a presentation of the Naval War of 1812.

The Johnstons - John W3BE and Betty W3BEJ -

represented our chapter at the 2012 Virginia Beach Hamfest. On Saturday morning, W3BE presented a power-point at the QCWA Forum chaired by our national QCWA Secretary Vic Culver, W4VIC. John reported on the 2009 QCWA Caribbean cruise and described the 2013 October 18-28 QCWA & 10-10 International Panama Canal cruise departing from and returning to Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Scheduled ports of call will be made at the private Half Moon Cay in the Bahamas, Curacao, Aruba, Panama Canal Gatun Lake, Colon and Puerto Limon. The photos from the 2009 QCWA cruise can be viewed at <http://www.W3BEInformed.org> Be Informed TRAVEL No. 9.1 QCWA Caribbean Cruise.

The Chapter meets every Monday at 1100 for lunch at the Golden Corral Buffet near the Arundel Mills Mall in Hanover, MD. Members are encouraged to bring their spouses on the first week of the month. We also have a weekly net on 146.76 MHz every Thursday starting at 2000 local time. Net Control station is KR3AB. All are welcome to check in. To receive our Chapter Newsletter, send an e-mail to kenmckee@aol.com, or stop by our QCWA table at any hamfest.



Chesapeake Chapter at End of Summer Picnic

Submitted by: Russ Slye, N3GT, Secretary

Chapter 29, Finger Lakes (NY)

Chapter 29 meets the last Friday of every month at Denny's Restaurant on South Bay Road, Mattydale, NY at 11:30am. Please join us if you are in the

area.

Thirty four attended the August meeting, a near record, of course it was 93F outside and Denny's is air conditioned which might have something to do with it. WA2KHR was a new SK and his obituary was read. Because of the effects of Hurricane Isaac the Delta net, Mississippi net, Louisiana net, Hurricane net, and the Maritime Mobile net were mentioned.

To help us remember what ham radio was like in the 1950's, an FCC citation issued to K2QJB for interfering with his neighbor's TV was passed around.

N2TKX talked briefly about attending the Antique Wireless Association convention in Rochester, NY the previous week, how the indoor events were as good as ever, but how the outdoor flea market has continued to shrink. Copies of photos of the items in the flea market were passed around for review. K2JDD noted that one item missing from the photos was a Grebe synchrophase receiver which he bought and is in the process of restoring.

At the September meeting, WB2YGN welcomed ex.VE8MC visiting us from Calgary, Alberta, N2MRE our occasional attendee, WA2ZVN our latest new member and Charles Davidson, KA2IVK's driver.

The passing of Von Campbell, W2RDC was mentioned.

K2QJB brought along a single tube transmitter that he had borrowed from a friend. Using a 0C5 tube, it puts out 8 crystal-controlled watts on the 40M band. The radio was featured in the February 2006 issue of CQ Magazine and is notable in that it operates directly from the AC line so you have to be a bit careful with the polarity of the line cord!

Kevin Tubbs, KD2SL could not stay for the meeting but dropped off a Klitzen radio which K2JDD described. Klitzen made a number of modular units that could be connected together to form a complete radio. This particular unit used 3 type 201 vacuum tubes in a regenerative detector/amplifier circuit that was designed to be used with a separate RF amplifier assembly and possibly a following audio amplifier unit. The unit was well constructed with a variometer and a straight-line tuning condenser with brass plates.

Thanks to Steve N2TKX, our Chapter 29 Newsletter editor for helping with the above information.

Submitted by: Al May, WA2KFV

Chapter 36, Northwest Indiana (IN)**John Miller W9ZG (left) and Bill Shortz K9BZM**

New and old. Our September meeting was one of the most interesting ever as we welcomed new QCWA Life Member Mike Rohwedder, WU9D, who returned to the U.S. last year after spending 16 years in Australia working as an IT Manager for local government. And we welcomed back old QCWA Life Member Ron Banaszak, W9FB, who is a past president of Chapter 36, and his beautiful wife Renee, W9MDF. It was a very special night for Ron too. For one, it was his 78th birthday, and he got a free meal from Golden Corral. And for another, we were able to present him with his 55-year Anniversary Award and his Century Club Award. Ron and Renee, and Mike, and I talked long into the evening, almost up until the restaurant closed. It was very enjoyable.

New and old. Our August meeting was also very special because it too was an Awards Night for us. New member Bill Shortz, K9BZM, received his 50-year Anniversary Award, and old QCWA Life Member, John Miller, W9ZG, received his Century Club Award. Congratulations to all three of you on receiving your new awards! Chapter 36 is now honored to have three Century Club holders in our ranks, as John and Ron join Gene Wiggins, W9CWG.

(And not that these guys are really “old,” but... well, you know. They sure know how to make me feel young! They are truly a great group to hang around.)

Thanks to those who brought show-and-tell items for us during this quarter. Levi Mayes, WB9CAO, displayed a home-brewed antenna mount for a 2-

inch trailer receiver. His design was based loosely on one manufactured by S&G Engineering that sells for about \$80, though Levi's was made for much less, if you have a little welding skill (or a friend who does). Tom Ruggles, W8FIB, told us his tale of an adventure up to the tundra of north Ontario recently. There were no phones, no electricity, just some fishing and ham radio fun. Except Tom forgot his key. Yes, his Morse code key. In true MacGyver-like fashion, Tom found an old hacksaw blade and some nuts and bolts in the camp tool shed. With these, and a bit of wood planking, he constructed his own paddle and successfully worked many stations around the world. My own contribution was to show the latest electronic gadget from Google, the Nexus 7 tablet computer. For only \$200, it has a good amount of computer horsepower and capabilities, and it comes pre-installed with the latest Android operating system, Jelly Bean.

A special THANK YOU to QCWA Webmaster Bob, and Headquarters staff Jim and Linda, for all the hard work and accomplishment that has gone into the new Members Only section of the QCWA website!

See our Web site at chapter36.org for full meeting details, photos, and info.

**Ron Banaszak W9FB (right) and wife Renee W9MDF**

Submitted by: Stan Vandiver, W4SV, President

Chapter 38, San Antonio (TX)

Greetings from San Antonio, the city of the Alamo and the Riverwalk, where we celebrate our annual

Fiesta Days.

For the month of July, we focused on travel as Joe Jankowski W5WTX told us about "Our Trip To Japan". He displayed quite a few pictures of Japan and of the power plants and of the different architecture there. He informed the audience of the different customs and the rich history of the Japanese people.

During August, we focused back on the technical and we were delighted to hear Bob Rodriguez K5AUW with his presentation of "Home Brew 2 Meter 3 Element Yagi". He showed the audience about how simple it was to create our own 2 meter yagi with the use of tape measures as our antenna elements.

For September, we tried a different approach. This month's speaker was from our electrical company here in San Antonio. Mr. John Moreno from CPS Energy informed the audience about power conservation. This presentation reminded the people about how we actually waste so much of our energy and what we can do about it.

Our club continues with the local weekly Sunday net at 8:30 p.m. local time. We thank AARO Club for the use of their repeater. If any of you are ever in the San Antonio area, feel free to check in on 147.380- (162.2), you will always be welcomed. Several of our members participate at the QCWA International Net on Sundays at 2:00 p.m. local time on 14.347.

Submitted by: Chetto Cumpian WB6BIE, Secretary

Chapter 41, Barney Moffatt (TX)

It occurred rather innocuously late one dark and dreary night while impatiently awaiting the arrival of a distant DX signal known to be en route but delayed by a malfunctioning E2 layer. That during a fretful but diversionary pondering of the walls of the shack in search of any impressive radio-related award-type "wallpaper" - like the other guys have - embarrassingly and disturbingly none was evident.

This dearth of documentation and ether-use justification prompted your chapter correspondent to inquire of National QCWA the existence of a



Four standing and one seated: Chapter 41 immediate past president Steve Brodie, K5ZYZ, (far left), and National Director Val Erwin, W5PUT, (far right) present QCWA awards to (left to right) Dennis Riise, K5AVT, Ken Garner, K5SLT; and Mike Vinocur, W2HLD

"Spectacular Radio Operator Award," the presentation of which had apparently somehow been long overlooked. Obliging, national looked into the matter and found neither the existence of such an award in the organization's repertoire nor correlating evidence of any spectacular radio award-warranting achievement having been manifested in the inquiring member's enhanced store-bought resume. As mollification of the readily understood Class IV dejection, national awarded him The QCWA Century Club Award, the 55th Anniversary Award and the 50 Years Continuously Licensed Award. The walls are now appropriately adorned and open for viewing.

In the midst of the above distraction, national fortuitously discovered a number of other awards due to Chapter 41 members resulting in the following award presentations: James Heye, K5WLQ, 50th Anniversary; Dennis Riise, K5AVT, 55th Anniversary/Century Club; Mike Vinocur, W2HLD, 55TH Anniversary; Henry Tackett, W5GPF, Life Member/75th Anniversary; Ken Garner, W5SLT, 50th Anniversary/50 Years Continuously Licensed/Membership Certificate; Gene Chanette, N5YJ, 50 Year Service, 55 Year Service, 60 Year Service, 60 Year Continuous License, Century Club. Congratulations to these loyal members!

It was with regret the members received the news from Steve Brodie, K5ZYZ, long time chapter president, that he was retiring as of the most recent

meeting. Steve cited, among other factor, the travel distance and time involved to attend/conduct a meeting – almost two-hundred miles roundtrip plus the high cost of fuel. Steve carried the day during some trying times for the chapter and stands alone in all that he did for the chapter – not the least of which was his acquisition and reliable delivery of the audio-visual equipment for many of our programs. Bob Olney, N5NT, has been named to succeed Steve as chapter president.

The chapter meets for a monthly luncheon meeting at 11:30AM usually on the first Saturday of the month at MidPoint Restaurant, Midway Road at LBJ Freeway, Dallas. All are invited.



All standing: Chapter 41 immediate past president Steve Brodie, K5YZ, (3rd from left) presents QCWA awards to (left to right) Gene Chanette, N5YJ; James Heye, K5WLQ; and Henry Tackett, W5GPF.

Submitted by: Bob Olney, N5NT, Recording Secretary

Chapter 45, Citrus (FL)

We are certainly pleased in the direction our Chapter is going. Our membership is increasing and in general things are looking up. Our net participation is at an all-time high with about 15 or more check-ins each week, which includes a couple of Echolink participants from Hawaii to Baku. We are fortunate to have a nucleus of experienced old timers but I am happy to note we are beginning to see some younger, motivated hams join our Chapter. Our weekly net seems to be so important and has helped in disseminating Chapter info including

health issues. I also notice some assistance given by younger members to those who need help and that is what it is all about as far as I am concerned.

We are approaching the Fall season which is my favorite. I enjoy the cooler weather and the holiday spirit from Halloween through New Years. There will be a number of Christmas/Holiday parties for us to attend and don't forget family. We look forward to seeing some old friends this season as well as relatives from out of town.

I do want to mention one fact that may go unnoticed. While our Chapter (and I am sure we speak of others) is not on record of any extra-ordinary achievements within the "Ham" community, I would like to mention that among our membership are people very heavily involved in the radio community; for example, our membership includes HamCation Chairmen, 3 Field-Day Chairmen--two current treasurers, past presidents, net control stations and on and on. I do want to mention one more item and that is how helpful our ladies have been--both licensed and unlicensed; whether it is tacit approval or actual participation in our nets and meetings. I, for one, want to salute them.

The Chapter owns and operates an open repeater, W4PLA, operating on 147.195 MHz (no tone). Scheduled net is at 1930 hours local time on Tuesdays of each week. We recently installed a link to permit Echolink users to check into this net. The link is "W2AS-L" and the node # is 627152. All hams are invited to check in and anyone passing through at net time is particularly welcome.

Submitted by: Al LaPeter, W2AS, President

Chapter 53, Suncoast (FL)

During the months of June through September, Chapter 53 enjoys informal lunches at the Panda Pavilion Chinese Buffet in Venice, Florida. We enjoy the companionship of 12 to 18 members, spouses and friends at these summer lunches. No business—just pleasure!!

From October through May, Chapter 53 meets at Denny's, 3701 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, Florida, at 11:15 AM the first Wednesday of those months. All QCWA members living in, or visiting, the Florida Suncoast area are always welcome. Please contact

our president, Conrad Owens-WA3RRS, via e-mail at kdownes39@hotmail.com if you are in the area and would like to join with us.

Submitted by: Jack Sproat, W4JS, Secretary

Chapter 64, El Paso (TX)



W2BFI explains one of his favorite QSL cards to chapter luncheon attendees

Greetings from Chapter 64 in El Paso, TX and southern NM! It is with great pleasure that we posthumously present one of QCWA's most prestigious awards, The QCWA Century Award, to Robert C. Smith, K5VRF (SK). Accepting the award from Chapter Secretary-Treasurer, Manny Gonzales, W2BFI is Bob's XYL, Karin. The El Paso community was indeed fortunate to have Bob spend most of his "100 years" in our area and as a member of our local ham organizations.

During our August 2012 luncheon meeting, members brought favorite QSL cards for show-and-tell. Each card told a story and attendees enjoyed hearing about each one. Shown in the picture is Manny, W2BFI telling about his favorite card probably from QCWA Memorial Station, W2MM. Our chapter Vice-President Bob, K5IE, recently had total shoulder replacement. Bob was back in fine form for our September meeting and indicates it may be awhile longer before he can do pushups. We wish Bob speedy recovery.

Our chapter has a monthly luncheon meeting on the third Saturday of each month at 11AM local time (lunch) and 12PM (meeting) at the Golden Corral located near the intersection of the North-South Free-

way (US 54 South) and Transmountain Road (Woodrow Bean) next to the Wal-Mart store in Northeast El Paso. We also enjoy a weekly net on Saturdays at 08:30 local mountain time on 3933 KHz. Net control operators vary using our chapter station call W5RO. Out-of-town check-ins are especially welcome! Adios amigos, God bless!



Manny Gonzalez, W2BFI (R), presents the QCWA Century Award to Karin, XYL of Bob, K5VRF (SK).

Submitted by: Rick Rumbaugh, W5PIE, Director

Chapter 69 – Everglades (FL)

At the July meeting, it was discussed to have a meeting place where we could have a more private room. We did get a nice private room with all the visual aids we need. At the August meeting, Pete N8PR presented a video on 'old time radio.' It was enjoyed by all and brought back a lot of memories. At the September meeting, Kai KE4PT presented a slide presentation on Digital Radio. After his presentation, there were a lot of questions and answers. The new meeting place is at Falcon Pub in Davie.

Mark K2AU has been collecting blank QSL cards from the members to display at the local hamfests and fleas. We are also having a booth at the Miami Hamfair in Feb '13 with other QCWA local chapters. Pete N8PR has also been in communication with the national QCWA to host the QCWA cruise. So, it's plain to see that our chapter has been busy.

We also have a new member. Tom N4MEO signed up. He brings with him years of experience and is also the Treasurer of the Davie Cooper City Amateur

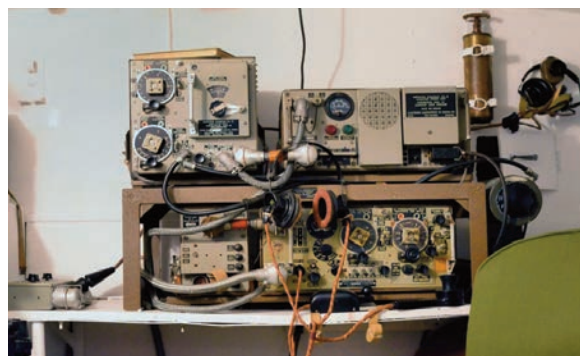
Radio Club. The chapter also had officer elections in July. President is Pete N8PR; v. p. is Mike W4DL; and Sec/Treas is Mark K2AU.

Submitted by: Mark, K2AU, Secretary

Chapter 70, Ottawa (Ontario, Canada)



Dave Parks, VE3AV, introduces guest speaker Michael Babineau, VE3WMB.



One of the Museum exhibits shows Wireless Set #19 shown (lower right) together with 100W amplifier (above), introduced in 1942. Developed by Pye Radio in England for use in tanks and similar applications, the WS#19 was also built in Canada by Northern Electric, RCA Victor and Canadian Marconi. To meet Lend-Lease requirements, many front panels carried English/Russian lettering. The "A set" covered 2-8 MHz in AM and CW, and the "B set" covered 230-240 MHz - speech only. An intercommunication amplifier provided voice communication between crew members. Many Canadian QCWA members remember starting off with a surplus 19 set bought for \$5.00



Group Picture in front of Museum - Ying Hum VA3YH, Barry Allison VE3NJK, Peter Carss VE3XEM (guest), Norm Rashleigh VE3LC, Bob Mackenzie VA3RKM, Barbara Mackenzie, Doug Leach VE3XK, John Barnhardt VE3ZOV, John Hewitt VE3PUX, Annette Gillis Museum Curator, Joe Parkinson VE3JG, Dick Bonnycastle VE3FUA, David Conn VE3KL, Peter Jago VA3PJ, Gary Hyatt VE3MJT, Harry Splett VE3HHS (guest), and Shirley Hyatt.

In August, Chapter 70 organized a field trip to the Canadian Military Museum of Electronics and Communications located at Canadian Forces Base, Kingston, Ontario. We had about 16 Chapter members attend and were given a guided tour of all the

exhibits by the museum curator, Ms. Annette Gillis. She included, for our special group, an exclusive tour of the "backroom" where there is a large inventory of old military communications equipment and artifacts. Many of the Chapter members had no trouble relating to the equipment on the shelves. On the exhibit floor, there was special interest in the large display of tubes and another exhibit showed a vast collection of Bugs and Speed Keys. Centered in the exhibit hall was the operating location of VE3RCS, the suffix standing for Royal Canadian Signals (Corps).

On September 18th, Chapter 70 conducted its quarterly dinner meeting at the usual venue, Robbie's Restaurant in Ottawa. For this meeting, Chapter member Michael Babineau, VE3WMB, gave a wonderful presentation on the Hellschreiber digital mode. Mike explained the origins and development of this German technology, described the workings of the early Hellschreiber machines and told about its tolerance to weak signals and interference. Michael also described his activity using the mode in amateur radio and encouraged chapter members to give it a try using the readily available software for the mode.

Submitted by: Norm Rashleigh, VE3LC, Secretary

Chapter 76, Hendersonville (NC)

In July, the chapter held no meeting on the usual meeting date which was the 4th of July this year.

For August, we saw the DVD of the VP8ORK DX-Pedition to the South Orkney Islands in the winter of 2011. The video covered the array of aspects that are part of conducting a successful DXPedition. The story was well presented and I enjoyed it.

In September, Larry KQ4B and Lee KN4GC talked on two inexpensive computer kits from Europe that were designed to provide young people platforms on which to develop programming skills. Larry introduced the Raspberry Pi, developed in the UK and sells for \$35 here. Lee introduced the Arduino, developed in Italy which is very similar to the Raspberry Pi. The Arduino has received more attention from the ham community and amateur radio applications are available in a library.

We meet the first Wednesday of the month in Hendersonville, NC at the Golden Corral. Please come by for a visit. See our Web site for more information www.qcwa76.org.

Submitted by: Jeff, K4JAB

Chapter 85, Ark-La-Tex (LA)

According to reports, John Beck (KB5LE) and John Mussey (N5FJ) were the only Chapter 85 members who attended the recent Queen Wilhelmina Hamfest. The hamfest was held at the historic mountainside retreat, the Queen Wilhelmina State Park in Mena, Arkansas, on September 7th and 8th. Attendance was a little less than usual this year because the Lodge is closed for major renovations. Even though the weather was a bit problematic, we understand that a good time was had by all. Congratulations to the Queen Wilhelmina Hamfest Association for another job well done! We look forward to the opening of the new Queen Wilhelmina Lodge, which we understand might not be finished in time for next year's event.

We welcome our newest member: Kim Jones, WB5NIN, from Jonesboro, Louisiana. Even though Jonesboro is a bit distant from the Shreveport-Bossier area, we hope Kim becomes an active participant in our club.

The Thursday "lunch bunch" is held at Strawn's Restaurant on Airline Drive in Bossier City. The group gathers at 11 AM. Everyone is welcome.

Submitted by: John Stewart, AA5KV, Secretary and

Chapter 106, German Chapter

After a continuous 10-year-activity of managing the German QCWA net on 80m (every Monday, 1500 UTC on 3773kHz), former Chapter Officer Siegfried Prill, DC9XU, was presented a trophy by Chairman Gunter 'Gun' Mader, DL3YA, to honor his tireless efforts to keep the net alive for such a long time.



After a short summer break, the net started into the new season with a special QSO Party on September 3rd, to commemorate the founding of QCWA 'German Chapter #106' in December 1977, 35 years ago, and to offer the "Chapter 106 Award" to German hams. Lucky winner with the highest score was DM2BPG, Helmut Krueger.



On December 27, one of the 13 founding members of the German Chapter, Albert Leinemann, DL9AR, QCWA #11793, is celebrating his 90th birthday. As an active ham he still takes part in the German QCWA net and is an active member of many ham organizations. Happy Birthday, Albert,

best of luck and good health furthermore.

On October 1st, the new website of the 'German Chapter' was opened: <http://www.qcwa.de>. Come and have a look yourself.

Submitted by: Wolfgang Beer, DL4HBB, Secretary

Chapter 107, Lakeland (FL)

The Chapter meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month at Clara's Butterfly Restaurant in Lakeland. We have 17 members, with an average of 11 members attending the meetings. We make our presence known by postings on the websites of the Lakeland Amateur Radio Club and the Lake Wales Repeater Association and have gained members using this media.

With winter approaching, we expect and welcome area visitors, local hams, and members of other Chapters. Contact Rip at aa4ht@tampabay.rr.com or Jack at k4byf@tampabay.rr.com for more information.

Submitted by: Anonymous

Chapter 109, Baton Rouge (LA)



Since my last report, Chapter 109 continues to have quarterly meetings as we have done from the beginnings of the Chapter. They have been well attended by the membership and numerous guests. A special note of thanks goes out to W5XU and WA5EML who have both spent a lot of effort organizing presentations that have taken place during

these Chapter meetings. Our newest members are N5KIP and W5MLE. Our newest Life Member is KD5MLD. Thanks to all of you for supporting your local chapter.

Recently, Chapter 109 awarded 50 year certificates to Barbara, K5MOL, and Stanley, W5KGG. Pictured is our President, W5XU, awarding the certificates to K5MOL, and Stanley Jr., W5KGG, awarding the certificates to his father, W5KGG. It is my sad duty to inform you of the unexpected and precipitous death of Russ Allor, N5ADF. Russ was well known to all of us as he regularly attended chapter meetings as well as local ham functions. The station at the USS Kidd on the Baton Rouge waterfront bears a plaque in his honor. He was a multi-talented amateur who was a well-rounded person, and he is sorely missed.



Submitted by: Doc, W5MD, Secretary and Treasurer

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Chapter 110, Kansas

Kansas chapter 110 guys at the Salina hamfest.

Chapter 111, Palm Beach (FL)

Tom, W2TMT, Ch. President, Leon, K2EWB & Jeff, WA4AW, QCWA Director and Chapter Secretary

Greetings from the sunny Palm Beaches!! The Palm Beach Chapter meets on the last Tuesday monthly, 1130 hrs, at our new location, the Carving Station restaurant, 6418 Lake Worth Road, Lake Worth, FL. If your travels bring you to our neck of the woods, please join us for our monthly luncheon meetings. Everyone seems to like our new meeting venue at the Carving Station. Good food, service & most of all, the camaraderie are enjoyed by all.

Seventeen members & guests joined us for our July gathering. We were pleased to confer the QCWA Century Club Award to Leon Katz, K2EWB. Leon is a Charter Member of the Palm Beach Chapter & was one of my Elmers back on Long Island, NY, in the early 60's. After much debate, the membership decided to add a quarterly Saturday lunch-

eon meeting to our schedule. As some of our members are still among the "working class", these Saturday meetings will give them the opportunity to participate in Chapter activities.

The Palm Beach Chapter was well represented at the Fort Pierce Hamfest on August 11th. At the QCWA Booth, National Director Jeff Beals, WA4AW, was assisted by Mort, WA2ARS, & Roberta, WA2FRW, who came down from the Citrus Chapter in Orlando. Members of the Treasure Coast, Spaceport & Everglades Chapters were also on hand at the booth.

Everyone is looking forward to the upcoming ARRL Florida State Convention at Melbourne in October. QCWA will be represented at their booth & will hold a QCWA Forum during the convention. Be sure to stop by & say hello.



QCWA Booth at the Ft. Pierce Hamfest - Left to Right: Mort Cohen, WA2ARS & Roberta Cohen, WA2FRW.

Submitted by: Jeff Beals, WA4AW, QCWA Director and Chapter Secretary

Chapter 112, Yankee (RI)

The QCWA Chapter 112 Picnic was held on July 14 at the New England Wireless and Steam Museum. Due to the heat, the picnic was held inside the Massey Building. Following the meal, W1NTE Bob led interested guests on a tour of the Wireless portion of the Museum. There were eleven members and four guests. Everyone was pleased that W1GCA Dave was able to attend with his son, Joe. He has made excellent progress after suffering a

stroke in April. Others in attendance were W1LDG Bill with Theresa and son, Bill, Jr.; KK3P Bob, KB1LM Bob, KA1EDP Dave, N1DKF Syl and NZ1K Jane, K1IXU Colin, WA1ENO Tony and WB1ARU Anne and co-hosts W1NTE Bob and Nancy. There was no business meeting.

The QCWA Chapter 112 Fall meeting was held on September 29, 2012, at the O'Connor's Restaurant in Worcester, MA. Anne, WB1ARU, opened the meeting with introductions. There were 19 members and guests in attendance along with members from the Pioneer Chapter 183.

Anne, WB1ARU; and Tony, WA1ENO, showed the pictures of their vacation trip to New Zealand. There were some great scenery shots.

Cards were signed for Dave Rego, W1GCA, and Blanche Randles, W4GXZ. Dave seems to be doing ok at home after his stroke. We wish Dave and Blanche well.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas Party on December 1, 2012, location to be determined.

Submitted by: Janice, K4IJK, Secretary

Chapter 119, Tidewater (VA)



Chapter 119 Officers cut the cake for Amateur Radio's 100th Birthday Celebration - From Left to Right: Barry K5VIP, Vern W4THN, Ron W8RJL, Ed W8NLZ

Photo Courtesy of W4VIC

Chapter 119 had a birthday party! At our August meeting, we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the signing of the legislation which (legally) created amateur radio. At the gala affair, we had a packed house with 27 QCWA members and friends and 7

XYLs. No birthday party would be complete without a cake, so we had one big enough to give everyone a big piece. Stu Tyler, WA4JUO, gave a fine presentation on the history of the Voice of America.

Our July meeting was held at the horse races. Members of Chapter 119 gathered at the Colonial Downs race track in New Kent, Virginia, to enjoy fellowship and try their luck on the ponies. No report on whether or not anyone lost their shirt. W4VIC, Vic, our National QCWA Secretary apparently had all his picks run forward around the track, a decided change from his luck at last year's event. Twenty-three members and their XYLs attended the event.

Our September meeting featured our Vice President, Vernon, W4THN, who gave an interesting presentation on the trials and tribulations of putting on a ham cruise. Vern has organized three of them. In response, several members recounted some of their own "ham cruise" experiences while in the U.S. Navy. It got us all in the mood to sign-up for the October 2013 QCWA cruise to the Panama Canal.

Chapter 119 chapter meetings are held at noon at Frankies Place for Ribs in the Kempsville area of Virginia Beach. We host a Virginia-wide QCWA net every Sunday morning at 8AM local time on 3,947 kHz and a local area VHF net every Sunday night at 9PM local time on the 146.970 kHz repeater (no tone).



Chris, W4VX, and his lovely XYL handicap the next race at the Chapter 119 outing to Colonial Downs horse racing. Other members in the background are apparently contemplating their losses.

Photo Courtesy of W8RJL

Submitted by: Edward J. Martin, W8NLZ, Secretary

Chapter 126, Piedmont (NC)

The Piedmont Chapter #126 held its regular meeting on Saturday, September 8, 2012, at The Best Food Cafeteria in Denton, NC. There were 14 members and guests present. The following board members were present: Wayne, W4HG; Tom, N4TL; Carl, KJ4WD; Charlie, WB4DCM; and Chuck, K4HF. Among the items discussed were meeting dates and possible programs. The next Chapter 126 Meeting will be Dec 1, 2012. All chapter members are encouraged to be on the lookout for new members and guests and make them feel welcome. W4HG will head up the Nominations Committee Work for the 2013 Officers.

At the general meeting, following blessing and introductions, we had a moment of silence for Silent Keys George McBride, W4DGJ; and Linda Jones, wife of our Wes Jones, WJ4DX. W4HG received his Chapter 126 Life Membership Certificate. Certificates for those not present will be held until the December Meeting. KJ4WD gave the Quarterly Net Report. W4WXZ missed zero nets and KJ4WD missed just one. We welcomed Jason Wall, N4JKW as a guest today. Door prizes were won by Dave, KB8V and Wes, WJ4DX. The 50/50 drawing was won by Ernie, NC4EW. Roy, N4BYU then gave us an interesting video and computer presentation on D-Star Technology. The equipment tends to be more costly than analog and programming radios can be a challenge. Any D-Star Radio or D-star and internet computer can be linked to D-Star Repeaters around the world. With the passing of W4DGJ we would like to share the NCS responsibilities amongst our mem-

bers. Volunteers are welcome. We were reminded to participate in the Fall National QCWA QSO Party. The Chapter 126 QSO Party Incentive Challenge will be in effect.

We thank Mary Jo, K4MJL, for the administrative help again today. Don't forget our weekly chapter net at 8:45am local time each Saturday on 3.826 MHz. All members are encouraged to invite friends and family to participate in chapter activities. The next Chapter 126 Meeting will be on Dec. 1, 2012, at The Yarborough's Restaurant in Lexington, NC. Meet and Greet will start at 11:30AM. See you there!

Submitted by: Chuck Littlewood, K4HF

Chapter 134, Pine Tree (ME)

The most recent meeting of the Chapter was at the Village Inn Restaurant, Auburn ME, October 27, 2012.

With Vice President Bill Woodhead, N1KAT, in the Chair, there were 11 members and guests present. The Pine Cone Net resumes operation (as it does every year) for the fall. The next session of the Pine Cone Net is scheduled for October 28 at 2:00 PM EDT.

The Chapter has donated \$100 to the QCWA scholarship fund.

We congratulate Phil Young, W1JTH, on his 95th birthday.

Bill Crowley, K1NIT, is recovering from multiple bypass surgery.

Bruce Randall, W1ZE, gave an account of the new KS1R D* repeater. It operates on 474.575 MHz from a big antenna on a high tower on top of Oak Hill in Brunswick, and covers a vast region of Northern New England. All Maine hams with D* capability are welcome to use it.

On an FM transceiver, the digital hash can be heard. If you do not have D* but can hear the digital hash on FM, please report your observation to Bruce. He is trying to improve his estimate of the coverage.

The program on Electrical Safety was a professional presentation by Bradley Kaherl of Central Maine Power.

Our next meeting is expected to be held on the

Saturday morning of the Andy Hamfest in Lewiston. We will await details from Bill, N1KAT.

Submitted by: Steve Kercel, AA4AK, Secretary and Treasurer

Chapter 141, Amarillo (TX)

Hello to everyone from the Texas Panhandle. The Fall season is about here. Amarillo has already experienced a few days of cool weather. I woke one morning recently to find the temperature inside our home at 66 degrees, it was 46 outside, so I fired up the heater for the first time this season. Need to find a couple of my sweaters if this Fall weather sustains. I have started planting pansies in our flower beds.

Fall and the first days of Winter brings some of the more enjoyable radio events such as some of the State QSO Parties that includes the Texas QSO Party, Route 66 On The Air, Sweepstakes and Straight Key Night. There are probably a few more plus some good old fashioned ragchewing.

Chapter 141 just finished another successful year operating as W6I from the City of Amarillo in the "Route 66 On The Air" event. We logged 1060 contacts, worked all 50 states, 7 provinces (AB, BC, MB, NB, NS, ON, PE), and the following DX countries (excluding Alaska, Hawaii, and Canada): Argentina, Brazil, Corsica, Finland, Germany, Italy, Mariana Islands, Mexico, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Sweden, St. Kitts and Switzerland. Three of the contacts were made by packet radio to AR, AZ, and CA via the digipeater aboard the International Space Station as it was traveling over 17,000 MPH.

Our 4 operators this year were Jim Musgrove, K5BZH; John Ashurst, K5FS; Brad Miskimen, N5LUL; and Dan McCabe, WA8YYE. All have played in the RT66 Sandbox before. Brad is serving as our the QSL Manager, the Monday after the event, 16 hours after it was over, his mailman delivered 18 QSL requests. After the delivery on the following Saturday, Brad had 80 QSL requests. Past experience has shown that we can expect a 15 percent QSL demand; with our 1060 contacts we anticipate mailing around 160 QSLs.

"Route 66 On The Air" was launched in the year 2000. The story of how it happened is pretty inter-

esting. In 1999, some members of the Northern Arizona DX Association at Flagstaff kicked around ways of doing something that provided the sensation of going on a DXpedition without the travel or expense.

Sometimes there are a few folks that can be rather creative when brainstorming. The idea of doing a Special Event station surfaced. Jerry Ellison, W7ST, one of the Arizona club members suggested a Route 66 theme for a special event that might provide the excitement of a DXpedition. Route 66 was part of Flagstaff's main drag. Bob Wertz, NF7E, suggested getting other radio clubs to join the activity. Two heads are usually better than one, and three or four can be even better. Jerry Conover, NE7I, suggested focusing on the cities mentioned in the Bobby Troup song, "Get Your Kicks on Route 66."

The 75th anniversary of Route 66 was to occur in 2001. They decided to launch their idea in 2000 as a "dry run" before the 75th anniversary occurred. Twelve stations, which included Amarillo, participated that year. Many of the Route 66 operators found themselves on the receiving end of pileups for the first times in their lives. The test run in the year 2000 proved to be very successful.

The first year (YR 2000) there were 12 stations:

K6A – Chicago, IL – 30 postings on DX Summit
 K6B – St. Louis, MO – 17 postings on DX Summit
 K6C – Joplin, MO – 22 postings on DX Summit
 K6D – Oklahoma City, OK – 29 postings on DX Summit
 K6E – Amarillo, TX – 19 postings on DX Summit
 K6F – Gallup, NM – 13 postings on DX Summit
 K6G – Winona, AZ – 54 postings on DX Summit
 K6H – Flagstaff, AZ – 41 postings on DX Summit
 K6I – Kingman, AZ – 36 postings on DX Summit
 K6J – Barstow, CA – 32 postings on DX Summit
 K6K – San Bernardino, CA – 34 postings on DX Summit
 K6L – Los Angeles, CA – 30 postings on DX Summit

For more details about the beginnings of RT66OTA see "Get Your QSOs on Route 66" by Nicholas M. Elias, N3AIU, in the MAR 2001 issue of QST (pp 52-54). This is a well written article and you will find it an enjoyable read. Those that are ARRL

members can find this article on the ARRL Website under QST Achieves.

John Ashurst, K5FS, participated as a member of the Amarillo team in 2000. He is the only remaining participating member of the original Amarillo team. Howard Palechek, KD5CEM, was the president of the Panhandle Amateur Radio Club; he was contacted by the NADXA for support from Amarillo hams. John told me that he stumbled across the event while tuning the bands a few days after it started. He heard Howard calling and listened to the pileup that followed. John joined the effort and participated the last three days. John Sikies, KD5AZO, who now lives in the College Station area, was the other participating Amarillo RT66OTA member.

In the year 2002 overall management for RT66OTA was moved to California and has continued to enjoy success each year since. Amarillo did not participate in the year 2001 or 2002, but was back in 2003 and has been active every year since.

There is a lot of history buried in places that many wouldn't think about. One such place is DX Summit. John Ashurst, K5FS, focused my attention on it.

Now don't get the idea that all of those postings were by somebody that had just made a QSO with a specific Route 66 SE Station. Looking through the YR 2000 DX Summit Postings revealed a few frustrated operators seeking specific RT66OTA stations.

Examples included: "please spot K6E and K6I." That one surfaced on several RT66OTA calls; "what about b and e; any A, B, E or I today"; "where is L L L L?" Other comments included things like "please find a clear spot." It was noted that a few had the stations call them up in frequency like DXpedition stations typically do.

Looking at K6E in a little more depth I noted comments like: "john in Amarillo tx"; "john by the #," "!!! VIA KD5CEM." The by the numbers was no doubt referencing that K6E was asking for calls from specific call districts to help thin the pileups which are often pretty deep. In looking thru the other RT66 stations it was noted that often the operator was identified by name.

The cities participating and their assigned calls have pretty well stabilized over the last few years.

Were DX Summit Postings similar for 2012? The number of postings has increased. The negative comments have too. It doesn't take long to realize

that most of the negative comments are made by a small number of people who have learned to yell digitally.

A sample of various RT66OTA 2012 negative postings included: "Hoping you get on SSB," "R U planning on cwing all day?," and "where's W6B, W6F, W6I, W6L, W6N?"

In this year's event, the pileups were serious enough that I tried taking calls by call districts, QRP, specific states, such. Many ignored the request and continued to call.

Is it worth it to participate as an operator in a Route 66 On The Air Special Event Station? The answer to that one is a definite yes. The vast majority are courteous, many are trying for a clean sweep, when someone returns with you were my 19th, even though they did the work to make that achievement, it makes the RT66OTA op feel pretty good to provide that Q. It tends to be a small percentage that really make one want to pull their hair out.

Amarillo RT66OTA was placed as the responsibility of QCWA Chapter 141 in 2007 and was managed by Gene Bitner, WA5ETK. It fell to Brad Miskimen, N5LUL, in 2009 and has been managed by him since. Route 66 On The Air has grown from about 14K QSOs in 2000 to over 25K QSOs. It has almost become a religion to some hams.

If you have never tried chasing the RT66 stations during the annual event, consider putting it on your list to try in 2013, the month is always September. Modes include SSB, CW, RTTY, and PSK-31. This one is a bit different than most special events. RT66OTA can be pretty exciting. DX Summit is a handy way to check to see when stations are active and what frequency and mode are being used.

As I draw this to a close, let me state that those visiting the Amarillo area and are here on the 4th Thursday of the month, stop by Braums on Grand, south of Interstate 40 on the east side of town, Braums is across the street from Wal-Mart. We start gathering and enjoy some food or ice cream treats around 6:30 p.m. and start our meetings at 7 p.m. We would be most happy to have you join us.

Submitted by: Jim Musgrove, K5BZH, Secretary

Chapter 149, Nutmeg (CT)

The summer meeting and luncheon of the Nutmeg Chapter 149 was held at the Hideaway Restaurant on August 11, 2012, in Old Lyme, Connecticut with 25 people in attendance.

Wayne Shaffer, W3QAN, was presented his QCWA National Anniversary Award Certificate for 65 years as an Amateur Radio operator. Wayne's son, Tom, N0HWI, accepted the certificate on his behalf. Congratulations!

After the regular business portion of the meeting, Chapter Vice President Mark Mokowski, K1PU, gave an interesting talk entitled, "Are You a Maker?" The discussion posed the question with the modern Maker Fairs in mind. Mark explored history of Amateur Radio, decade by decade, and how radio amateurs contributed – and still contribute – to the advancement of the art and science of technology as well as to this great hobby and service of ours.

Submitted by: Steve Ewald, WV1X, Secretary

Chapter 151, Alberta Wild Rose

Al Davidson (VE6DE) receives his 50 Year Award from Ken Oelke (VE6AFO)

Chapter 151 had its Fall Luncheon Meeting on September 20, 2012. Chapter President, Ken Oelke (VE6AFO) welcomed members, friends and guests. A moment of silence was held for Silent Key, Max Farmer (VE6SL) who died September 5th. Max was an active member in the Chapter and both he and his contribution to amateur radio will be missed. Ken Oelke gave a report on his du-

ties as the new President of QCWA. The financial statements were presented by Dave Craig (VE6DKC) and showed that from April 27, 2012 to September 20, 2012, Chapter 151 had a surplus of \$100.25 over expenditures. The Chapter membership approved a motion to provide \$500 discretionary funding to Ken Oelke to help cover out of pocket expenses related to his duties as President of QCWA.

Ken presented Al Davidson (VE6DE) with his 50-Year Award as a licensed amateur. Following the meeting, Gerry Linton (VE6PL) presented a DVD presentation on the challenges of swapping out a TV antenna at the top of a 2000 foot tower.

The next meeting of Chapter 151 will be held in April 2013.

Submitted by: Mitch Goodjohn, VE6SM, Secretary

Chapter 162 Southeast Wisconsin

The following have been elected to these positions for 2013.

David Voss WB9USI....President
Dick Kehl WA9HOH Vice President
Cheryl Miller WS9P Secretary
William Watkins KA9QMM Treasurer

Submitted by: Cheryl Miller, WS9P, Secretary

Chapter 165, York County (PA)

The August bi-monthly meeting of Chapter 165 was held August 11 at Hoss's West Restaurant in York, PA. After lunch, the meeting was called to order by our Secretary/Treasurer Ray Shaub, W3AXC. Our President Ron Boltz K3TZJ was recuperating at home from a bout with lead poison.

The business that was discussed included our annual meeting location and election of officers for 2013-2015. The textbooks for students studying for a technician license program is still operating. Our new web page to provide up-to-date information for members has been well received by chapter members and members at large.

After the business meeting, Walt Bilous, K3DQB,

chapter member and tech school instructor presented a talk on fiber optics and their use in the industry including testing and trouble shooting. The attached picture shows Walt demonstrating an optical time delay reflectometer used for trouble shooting long runs of fiber optics.

Our next annual meeting location will be announced via e-mail to members and on our Web site.



Submitted by: Ray Shaub, W3AXC, Secretary and Treasurer

Chapter 169 - Sacramento Valley

President, Robin Alexander, NX6Z, opens each meeting with excitement and a big welcome to each member and guest. A few of us pick up the ones who cannot drive anymore because we enjoy their company. Programs for the quarter included: DX movies of the South Pacific using ham radios.

Chapter 169's new 2 meter net is coming along. There will be a door prize drawing every meeting for those who check-in. We gather new members on the Net too and cards for QCWA were handed out to give to



local Hams we meet, such as at restaurants.

I have presented the 50 and 55 year certificate for Tim Ryan K6RHM and Ray Gillett KF6FU with the 50, 55, 60 and Continuous Service award.

We meet the second Wednesday of the month at Denny's located at 7900 College Town Dr. in Sacramento. The restaurant is north of Hwy 50 on the west side of Howe Ave. Gathering starts around 11AM for the no-host lunch and the meeting starts at 12 noon. We try to finish by 1:30 PM. You are always welcome. For further information contact our Secretary, William Keller WA6PAY at (916) 456-0957.

Submitted by: William Keller, WA6PAY, Secretary

Chapter 210, Omaha (NE)

We have 21 members in Omaha Chapter 210 who are currently paid up with QCWA National. I want to thank you for keeping your membership current with the national organization.

To be eligible for service awards and hold an office you must belong to QCWA National. If you have not provided QCWA Headquarters with your email address please do so, it will give you access to the "Members Only Webpage". Send your email address to: Ken Simpson W8EK Executive Administrator ExecAdmin@qcwa.org.

I have been the "Acting President" for Chapter 210 for the past 4 years because no volunteer has stepped forward to be president of our chapter.

I now have a member that is interested in becoming the chapter president. If any of you are interested in becoming chapter president, please email me at w0hxl@cox.net. If we have additional candidates or just one, I will email all members with a ballot.

Let's welcome our newest QCWA member, Lance Hoffman WN0L, to Chapter 210. Welcome aboard Lance.

Submitted by: Dick Newsome, W0HXL, Secretary and Treasurer

Chapter 213, Fresno (CA)

Greetings from Fresno Chapter 213. Our monthly meetings are on the 4th Tuesday at noon at Carrow's Restaurant, 4480 N. Blackstone in Fresno. All QCWA members are welcome to attend if they are in the Fresno, California area on our meeting day. Our meetings are very informal with an average attendance of 20 members and guests. It is hoped that more Chapter members will be active in the QCWA QSO Parties. Our president was injured in a tower accident. The injuries were minimal but could have been very serious. He has recovered from bruised toes. Be very careful when working on towers.

Submitted by: Charles McConnell, W6DPD, Secretary and Treasurer

Chapter 217, The Villages (FL)

At the August meeting, Ken Simpson, W8EK, was our guest speaker. He told of the many growing pains that the QCWA organization is experiencing. He also told us the steps that are being taken to overcome the problems. We all felt comfortable that there is a great management team in place and with time, things will get better. Some of us have elected to receive the QCWA Journal as a PDF file to help reduce expenses. I know I have gotten my money's worth since I bought a life membership in 1981! I don't think any of us realized how much it costs to produce the Journal.

At the September meeting, the usual “lies” were being told but in the process, I think some of us had our interest peaked on giving CW a try again after not using it for years. It also seemed that the 17 meter band is excellent at the present time, especially if you have “stealth” station!

Submitted by: John, W3GQJ

QCWA National




QCWA National member Al Miller, VE7KC, is pictured to the left receiving his 75 Year certificate.

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QSO Party Results

Greetings and here are the results of our Spring QSO Party. Thanks to those who participated and sent in their logs. A special thanks to Stella, WB2FAU and Dick, N4ARO who operated Headquarters Station W2MM during the Party. Also, thanks to Bob Buus, W2OD who checked and scored the submitted logs. (The asterisks showing on the results are the certificate winner)

- **George Roach--VE3BNO**

Certificate Winners: Spring QSO Party April 2012 - 56th Year

CALL	NAME	LOCATION	CHAPTER	RANK	CATEGORY
W2KQ	Joachim Dreifuss	Ocean, NJ	CH 138	Highest Score	CW/Digital
N6SL	Benjamin J Russell	Ocala, FL	CH 62	2nd Highest	CW/Digital
AB2N	Arnold Peterson	Lincroft, NJ	CH 138	3rd Highest	CW/Digital
VE3VCF	Guy Charron	Ottawa, ON	CH 70	Highest Cdn.	CW/Digital
NT4TS	Laing T. Batchler	Cape Coral, FL	CH 196	Highest Score	Phone
W3UQH	Duane C. Redline	Fleetwood, PA	CH 31	2nd Highest	Phone
KA0BHO	Terry A. Hoss	Topeka, KS	CH 110	3rd Highest	Phone
VE3CD	Harold J. Braun	Waterloo, ON	CH 73	Highest Cdn	Phone
K8ED	Mark Shaw	West Bloomfield, MI	CH 215	Highest Score	Mixed
W5NZ	Mark A. Wintersole	Montgomery, AL	CH 40	2nd Highest	Mixed
W4BQP	James A. Campbell	Kannapolis, NC	CH 126	3rd Highest	Mixed
W7CKD	Maryellen H. Vaughan	Lincoln City, OR	CH 160	Highest Score	CQ-100(internet)
W1UZR	Rita K. Hale	SunCity Centre, FL	CH 195	2nd Highest	CQ-100(internet)
W4PLV	Stephen N. Schrock	Plantation, FL	CH 69	3rd Highest	CQ-100(internet)

QCWA April 2012

QSO Party

CW/Digital

CALL	NAME	CHAPTER	QSO'S	MULTIPLIER	TOTAL SCORE
W2KQ *	Joe	138	44	38	3344
N6SL *	Ben	62	40	25	2000
AB2N*	Arnold	138	31	27	1674
W0GN	John	123	21	21	882
WB4DC M	Charles	126	11	10	220
K4ORD	Riley	202	9	10	180
K2BLA	AL	77	8	9	144
AD5MH	Dave	63	7	8	112
K9GDF	Rich	WI	7	8	112
VE3BNO	George	70	8	6	96
VE3VCF	Guy	70	8	6	96
K2HY	Hal	62	5	9	90
VE3XK	Doug	70	7	3	42
NZ1D	Bill	FL	2	4	16

Headquarters Station

W2MM	Dick, N4ARO	182	32	17	1088
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QCWA April 2012

QSO Party

Phone

CALL	NAME	CHAPTER	QSO'S	MULTIPLIER	TOTAL SCORE
NT4TS*	Laing	196	272	57	15504
W3UQH*	Duane	31	66	35	2310
KA0BHO*	Terry	110	32	23	736
WA3KFT	John	166	21	12	252
VE3CD	Harold	73	8	7	56
W7UFM	Hollis	188	10	5	50
VE3HKG	Frances	70	3	3	9
K3QC	Tad	196	2	4	8
W4NHQ	Chuck	32	2	2	4
W4CHX	Karl	126	2	2	4
W2OD	Bob	138	2	2	4
WN3USA	Don	107	2	1	2

Headquarters Station

W2MM	Stella, WB2FAU	196	216	68	14688
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QCWA April 2012

QSO Party

CQ-100

CALL	NAME	CHAPTER	CW QSO'S	PHONE QSO'S	MIXED POINTS	MULTIPLIER	TOTAL SCORE
W7CKD*	Maryellen	160	0	66	66	46	3036
W1UZR*	Rita	195	4	56	64	46	2944
W4PLV*	Steve	69	0	30	30	32	960
VE3CD	Harold	73	1	12	14	21	294
VE3HKG	Frances	70	0	5	5	4	20

Headquarters Station

W2MM	George, VE3BNO	112	5	20	30	10	300
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QCWA April 2012

QSO Party

Mixed

CALL	NAME	CHAPTER	CW QSO'S	PHONE QSO'S	MIXED POINTS	MULTIPLIER	TOTAL SCORE
K8ED*	Mark	215	26	11	63	27	1701
W5NZ*	Mark	40	3	22	28	14	392
W4BQP*	Jim	126	5	1	11	7	77

What Happens in Reno...Ends Up in the Journal!

Check out a few highlights from the 2012 QCWA Convention in Reno, Nevada.



To the left: QCWA members hard at work at the Reno Convention. Left to Right: Director Val Erwin, W5PUT, Director Ken Simpson, W8EK, Secretary Vic Culver, W4VIC, President Ken Oelke, VE6AFO, Director Howard Cunningham, WD5DBC and Director Myron Cherry, K4YA.



President Oelke VE6AFO kidnapped by Convention goers at the end of the Board of Directors meeting, and finally put to work by a Chapter! Here Ken (on the right) is “coerced” to present an 60-Year anniversary award to John Ryan in the middle with Greg Roush, WA7IRW, President Silver State Chapter #190 at the QCWA Convention in Reno, NV. (A gang of three cornered VE6AFO and took him to a secret room on the 4th Floor for the ceremony!)

A special wish of good health and recovery to QCWA member Chuck, W4NHQ, from St. Petersburg, Florida, who became ill during his trip to the convention this year. Due to the change in environment, W4NHQ was hospitalized at St. Mary's Hospital with pneumonia and congestive heart failure causing him to miss the convention. Reports have provided that he is doing much better and we here at QCWA want to send best wishes.

TV CELEBRITY BECOMES LIFE MEMBER OF QCWA

Excerpt taken from John Amodeo, NN6JA, QRZ.com biography

Originally from Long Island, New York, John has been licensed for 40 years, starting as a "Tech Plus" in the early 1970's and upgrading to a General in the late 1970's. He moved to Los Angeles in the early 1980's where he became KA6MVE. He upgraded to Extra in the summer of 2011 and changed his call to NN6JA.

John has worked in the entertainment industry as an editor, director and producer for the past 30 years. He is currently the producer of ABC's "Last Man Standing," starring Tim Allen. He has produced other familiar shows like "Sports Night," "Titus," "Arrested Development," "Samantha Who?" and many more.

"Last Man Standing" features a fictitious ham radio station KA0XTT for Tim Allen's character, Mike Baxter. Although Mike's license is fictitious, the radio station is a real working radio station. The show has held numerous radio events live from the "Last Man Standing" stage and hosted many ham radio celebrities including Bob Heil, Gordon West and Julian Frost from "Ham Nation," Ray Novak from Icom, Dennis Motschenbacher from Yaesu, ARRL Southwestern Division Director Richard Norton, and ARRL Southwestern Division Vice-Director Marty Woll.

"Last Man Standing" airs Friday at 8:00 p.m. on ABC. Recently, John joined QCWA taking out a Life Membership.

In the transition to Texas, Jim N1CC hired Bill Wheatly and his staff to manage and produced the new line of member supplies, as well as the new Chapter Banners at a much lower cost. The lower costs, management remotely by email and phone has made a positive return on investment possible, so earlier losses on every sale are now stopped! Jim has handed over Bill's team to K4YA who will be managing the supply chain for QCWA. This team has been of large value to Jim as the GM, cutting losses as well as providing first class products.

In the new year, Bill and Myron (K4YA) will continue to refine the quality of the products, their delivery and pricing. Bill produces the QCWA Caps, Shirts, Pins, Mugs, Mouse Pads, Life Member Cards, Chapter Banners and will be happy to consider special products as the QCWA family needs them. QSL Cards, Plaques, Badges, Life Member Pins, Decals, Logo Patches, member stamps are managed by Myron, K4YA with other sub-contractors.

Bill and his staff are pictured here to the right.



Our Newest Members!

Winter 2012

DATE	MEM #	NAME	CALL	CITY	ST/PR	SPONSOR	SCALL
08/01/2012	35929	PRESTEL, DAVID J	W8AJR	ELLCOTT CITY	MD	JIM LA PORTA	N1CC
08/02/2012	35930	WILLOCK, JACK L	W3NHR	HAGERSTOWN	MD	PAGE PYNE	WA3EOP
08/04/2012	35931	BATES, DANNY E	N5TM	KATY	TX		
08/04/2012	35932	NANCE, TERRY H	WF5V	NIXON	TX		
08/04/2012	35933	HEISER, JOHN R	N5CDY	LIVINGSTON	TX	MILT CRAM	WA8NUE
08/04/2012	35934	BENTLEY, WILLIAM T	N5POB	MIDLAND	TX	VAL ERWIN	W5PUT
08/04/2012	35935	PEDERSON, SCOTT	KI5DR	AUSTIN	TX		
08/05/2012	35936	COLE, JAMES	N3ZJ	FREDERICK	MD	JOE PLUM	WB8QPG
08/05/2012	35937	STERN, JERRY O	K1JOS	NEW FAIR-FIELD	CT		
08/06/2012	35938	MESSER, MARK T	KV6T	SAN FRAN-CISCO	CA		
08/06/2012	35939	BURGESS, KENNETH G	K1KKT	OLD SAY-BROOK	CT		
08/07/2012	35940	HORDEN, NEIL, J	KB6PEX	WAUCONDA	IL	AL RHODES	KJ4TDG
08/11/2012	35941	ARMSTRONG, WILLIAM W	WB4RPV	FT PIERCE	FL	JEFF BEALS	WA4AW
08/11/2012	35942	COOPER, GORDON	W5TOG	WINTER PARK	FL	AL LAPETER	W2AS
08/16/2012	35943	LASCELL, PETER L	W4WWQ	FOREST	VA	WILLIAM PERKINS	KC4D
08/24/2012	35944	SARGENT, DAVID L	NT4W	ANNAPOLIS	MD		
08/24/2012	35945	SKERKER, ALAN L	KC4ZA	GAINSVILLE	VA		
08/24/2012	35946	FUQUA, CHARLES	WA0YZW	FESTUS	MO		
08/25/2012	35947	BINDER, MICHAEL	NA6MB	POWAY	CA		
09/01/2012	35948	CLEMENS, RICHARD C	KB8AOB	BUCKHANNON	WV		
09/01/2012	35949	ARCENEUX, DONALD J	W5DJA	BATON ROUGE	LA		
09/02/2012	35950	HAHN, JAMES M	AC6OM	OKLAHOMA CITY	OK		
09/03/2012	35951	OSTROWSKI, JOE	KI5FJ	DONA ANA	NM		
09/04/2012	35952	MARTENS, GREGORY T	N6RRY	HAWTHORNE	CA		
09/04/2012	35953	HAGAN, NORM A	VE3VY	WESTPORT	ON	JIM ANDERSON	VE3ERA
09/04/2012	35954	HAGAN, HELEN T	VE3BNZ	WESTPORT	ON		
09/05/2012	35955	HILDE, RICHARD G	K6JRW	SANTA ANA	CA		
09/05/2012	35956	JONES, MARCUS	KF5TA	DEXTER	GA	CHARLES PEN-NINGTON	K4GK
09/05/2012	35957	HARKE, THOMAS J	AA9A	DE PERE	WI	MARK MICHEL	W9OP

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09/06/2012	35959	ROHWEDDER, MICHAEL L	WU9D	HIGHLAND	IN		
09/07/2012	35960	MAYS, DAVID L	WB4OBF	CROFTON	MD		
09/07/2012	35961	POULSON, DAVID A	N7KFL	SAN PEDRO	CA	DOUGLAS DOWDS	W6HB
09/08/2012	35962	AINSWORTH, TERRY M	VE3TLC	ALMONTE	ON	WILLIAM BARRIE	VE3AAS
09/08/2012	35963	SHAKLEY, DAVID W	N9FGP	FT WAYNE	IN		
09/08/2012	35964	GRUBB, DAVID A	KC8CF	SARASOTA	FL		
09/11/2012	35965	AMODEO, JOHN C	NN6JA	STUDIO CITY	CA	PETE VAROUNIS	NL7XM
09/14/2012	35966	HAYES, THOMAS M	N4MEO	PLANTATION	FL	MARK HOROWITZ	K2AU
09/16/2012	35967	REID, GRAY	W4NGR	NEWPORT NEWS	VA	VIC CULVER	W4VIC
09/16/2012	35968	FRYDENLUND, DOU- GLAS T	KA4TMS	VIRGINIA BEACH	VA	RUE STUTEVILLE	W4RUE
09/20/2012	35969	DUNCAN, SCOTT A	KK8D	CANTON	OH	DENNIS MORIAR- ITY	K8AGB
09/21/2012	35970	ROLAND, DONALD W	K6TIB	SALOME	AZ		
09/26/2012	35971	BROWN, CLAUDE A	K7TEN	WINTER HAVEN	FL		
09/26/2012	35972	RHOADS, BENNY H	W5TYZ	ORANGE	TX		
09/29/2012	35973	MATUSZAK, BLAISE VALENTINE	WD9CPT	MILWAUKEE	WI		
10/03/2012	35975	KLINE, DAVID W	KF0JY	CALHAN	CO	WILLIAM KLINE	W9GWD
10/05/2012	35976	SHARLANE, HAROLD A	N2BFD	NEW TAZEWELL	TN	KEN SIMPSON	W8EK
10/05/2012	35977	WYBORNEY, VERNON, G	KT6L	SAN DIEGO	CA	PETE THE GREEK	NL7XM
10/07/2012	35978	LAPERRIERE, URVIN P	WC1P	WINCHENDON	MA		
10/08/2012	35979	RUSSO, JOHN G	KA1JXW	WATERBURY	CT		
10/12/2012	35980	HAMILTON, PHIL F	W4KTL	STATESVILLE	NC		
10/12/2012	35981	PARRIS, ARTHUR W JR	N4AWP	ROCKINGHAM	NC		
10/12/2012	35982	RECH, LONNIE E	WD0AOP	DAVEY	NE	KURT BAUER	WB0AEA
10/13/2012	35983	HACKLEMAN, DAVID	W7QH	MONMOUTH	OR	HOWARD HONIG	WB7OK
10/15/2012	35984	BOYER, FRED E	N3QK	PALM BAY	FL	JEFF BEALS	WA4AW
10/15/2012	35985	MC CLAIN, KATHRYN DAWN	KA8VHW	GRAFTON	WV	CHARLES T MC CLAIN	K8UQY
10/16/2012	35986	BALDINI, ERNEST A	K4RBD	MELBOURNE	FL	KEN SIMPSON	W8EK
10/19/2012	35987	SAVOLD, WAYNE	K0DKT	MELBOURNE	FL	MARK WEBBER	AB4IX
10/19/2012	35988	BEVERLY, WALT	W4GV	LYNN HAVEN	FL	KEN SIMPSON	W8EK

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10/23/2012	35989	MUNDINGER, LARRY P	KG4Q	ST AUGUSTINE	FL		
10/24/2012	35990	GRAF, KENNETH	N8FF	BLOUNTVILLE	TN	MYRON CHERRY	K4YA
10/29/2012	35991	QUICK, RICHARD L	W4RQ	PLANTATION	FL	MARK HOROWITZ	K2AU
10/29/2012	35992	DENNEY, JOE E	WD5JME	DENISON	TX		
10/29/2012	35993	EISENHART, DONALD E 'DON'	WB3FTQ	KEEDYSVILLE	MD	PAGE PYNE	WA3EOP
10/29/2012	35994	MAYO, BOB	W2TAC	PETERSBURG	NY		
10/30/2012	35995	KEREZSI, MICHAEL J	W3ASW	NEWARK	DE		
10/31/2012	35996	SWENSON, DARREL	K0AWB	OMAHA	NE	DICK NEWSOME	W0HXL
11/02/2012	35997	FOSTER, RICHARD G	WA9OUE	NAPERVILLE	IL		
11/02/2012	35998	ROBERTS, REES	K9UUT	RACINE	WI	WILLIAM WATKINS	KA9QMM
11/05/2012	35999	VANDEVENDER, ROBERT L 'BOB'	KR2K	JUPITER	FL		
11/07/2012	36000	SAMS, JERRY G	N5KNU	EDMOND	OK	RICHARD JOHN- SON	WA5EOD

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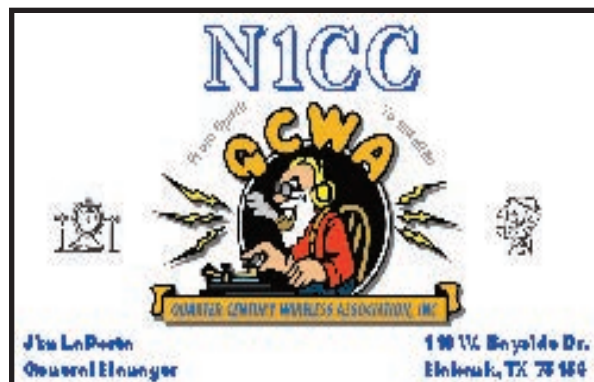
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08/21/12	00471	GROSSELFINGER, W H	W2ATQ	E ROCKAWAY NY	6/30/2008
08/21/12	00542	KAHN, CHARLES C	K2GZ	BROOKLYN NY	12/15/1977
08/11/12	00967	MC CLELLAND, LEFFERTS A	W4GK	ARLINGTON VA	10/19/1997
08/21/12	00981	BELLEW, RICHARD W	W5MN	EL DORADO AR	3/2/1989
08/21/12	01170	ROUDABUSH, BYRON S	W3QPL	WASHINGTON DC	6/30/1988
08/21/12	02779	GILMORE, TOM E JR	W7PK	TACOMA WA	5/4/2011
08/21/12	02806	DUMBRILLE, COLIN C	VP9C	SOUTHAMPTON 5NBX	7/29/1999
08/21/12	03085	SWEDLOFF, BERNARD	K2SWZ	BLACKWOOD NJ	8/9/2004
08/21/12	03307	OXFORD, CARL J JR	W8LSU	BRIGHTON MI	8/21/2002
08/21/12	04683	BETHEL, CARL D JR	K4OD	FRONT ROYAL VA	9/4/2003
08/21/12	04836	MILES, DEWEY W	W5HKE	SPRING TX	6/30/2000
08/23/12	05750	DENNISTON, ROBERT W	W0DX	ST THOMAS VI	5/13/2002
08/23/12	05791	KERPER, ED R	W1DQM	CAMBRIDGE OH	11/18/1993
08/23/12	05809	DOSLAND, MARY G	K0WKS	MOORHEAD MN	2/8/2005
08/23/12	05852	WILSON, DAMON P	W8DHP	GREENVILLE OH	12/31/1976
08/24/12	06329	STEPHENS, EVERETT L	W6KI	SAN FRANCISCO CA	11/2/1982
08/24/12	05091	LENGEL, G F	W3EFK	READING PA	2/15/1980
08/24/12	03015	SIMON, ALFRED A	W0KIK	ST LOUIS MO	7/15/1988
08/24/12	03957	CUNNINGHAM, OTIS A	W6SBT	REDDING CA	9/14/1979
08/24/12	06068	ACKERMAN, R W	W4MG	LOWELL FL	8/15/1983
08/24/12	05499	GARRA, R H	W3UQL	LEHIGHTON PA	12/15/1980
08/24/12	08017	BUTTERWORTH, WALTER	K4VH	PINELLIS FL	2/17/1983
08/24/12	05278	BRIGGS, WILLIAM W	W6EVD	VACAVILLE CA	10/11/1972
08/24/12	08509	VOGT, ARMIN	W0GBH	PLYMOUTH NE	6/15/1987
08/24/12	27764	MAGUIRK, CARL M	K5OGI	GRAPEVINE TX	6/25/2012
08/24/12	33413	MC LAUGHLIN, ROBERT W	WB8UYA	LINCOLN PARK MI	7/6/2012
08/24/12	12380	DUNSFORD, MORT C	W0FLD	SULLIVAN MO	8/14/1994
08/24/12	12640	CONLEY, H R	W5UY	LAFAYETTE LA	6/12/2000
08/24/12	04447	EARP, CHARLES A	W3DKT	BALTIMORE MD	6/6/2005
08/24/12	10014	BABCOCK, VERLE	N4VB	HUNTSVILLE AL	1/27/1994
08/24/12	19445	POCHOP, LEONARD C	W6LBH	ONTARIO CA	4/2/2004
08/24/12	11078	BONNIGSON, TED	W6NCN	WELDON CA	6/9/1999
08/24/12	19442	PRIEST, WILLIAM M	W6WPO	SAN MARCOS CA	2/15/2003
08/24/12	19540	MINOR, VIRGIL D	W7NNE	YACHATS OR	10/22/2009
08/24/12	05824	LATOURELL D D	W6IG	LOS ANGELES CA	3/20/1990
08/24/12	00085	BREDESEN, ALFRED	W2PK	SAYVILLE NY	11/15/1973
08/24/12	25759	RAABE, RUDOLPH W	W4ZV	RICHMOND VA	9/12/1979
08/24/12	20157	CROSBIE, WM D SR	WA5DRP	DENHAM SPRINGS LA	11/19/2007
08/24/12	18850	DORBUCK, ANTHONY	K1FM	NEW BRITAIN CT	5/27/2010
08/24/12	23541	SMITH, RALPH L	W0LDF	WICHITA KS	9/21/2009
08/24/12	17730	SMITH, ROBERT C	K5VRF	EL PASO TX	5/15/2012
08/24/12	05728	HANSON, ROBERT S	W0KMH	NORTHFIELD MN	3/25/1999
08/31/12	31580	HEBER, CHARLES A	W7NLA	GLENDALE AZ	7/23/2012
08/31/12	14574	HAMMONDS, ELEANOR J	W3BIW	BRYN MAWR PA	8/20/2005

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08/31/12	30801	TUCKER, KATHRYN R	AA6TK	LA MIRADA CA	6/10/2010
08/31/12	07915	HEPBURN, KESSLEY	W6AJL	LA HABRA CA	9/18/2001
08/31/12	11162	ARNOLD, GEORGE H	W5KHN	REFUGIO TX	6/16/2004
08/31/12	13075	VANDERPOOL, HAROLD D	W8IFC	INDEPENDENCE MO	12/25/2003
08/31/12	07302	VAN DEN WYMELENBERG, G M	W9VOW	DE PERE WI	2/14/2012
08/31/12	11826	WACHER, JACK	W4OBA	CAMPBELLTON FL	12/15/2002
08/31/12	10600	DIXON, KAY L	K7AXT	LAS VEGAS NV	6/3/2003
08/31/12	09956	ROSEN, LEONARD	N2LR	BANDON OR	3/15/2012
08/31/12	19348	BROWN, E MILES	W2PAU	RIVERTON NJ	3/25/2012
08/31/12	09925	ROLLYSON, FRED W	WB6CNO	SANTA PAULA CA	6/15/1999
08/31/12	18598	RECKTENWALD, RALPH M	K8VCL	BELLEVUE OH	1/11/2005
08/31/12	18553	MCBRIDE, GEORGE H	W4DGJ	HILLSBOROUGH NC	8/21/2012
08/31/12	08756	TAMCHIN, ARNOLD	W2HCW	SEUTAUKET NY	6/3/2001
08/31/12	14701	MULLINS, HENRY M	K5GCK	FREER TX	1/15/2000
08/31/12	14485	STEELE, BERNARD W	W5QWA	TULSA OK	5/6/1999
08/31/12	13125	ELKINS, EDWARD M	KA4DXD	PUERTO RICO	3/6/1992
08/31/12	06079	TUEL, EUGENE E	W0VWW	KANSAS CITY MO	12/16/1996
08/31/12	19197	LANDRY, NORMAN R	W5VUH	FRANKLINGTON LA	7/14/2002
08/31/12	27956	STOVER, JERRY S	W5AE	DALLAS TX	2/17/2012
08/31/12	11399	RAAEN, KEERMIT W	W7BG	EUGENE OR	7/15/2012
08/31/12	11693	WHITE, HOWARD F	W7HPV	EVERETT WA	6/30/1992
08/31/12	08839	HEARSUM, DESMOND S	W8PR	DAYTON OH	6/17/2011
08/31/12	12103	MARTYN, JAMES D	W6RME	SOUTHGATE CA	4/3/2003
08/31/12	12309	ALLBRIGHT, SYBIL	W6GIC	SANTEE CA	2/7/2005
08/31/12	15784	SWISHER, JAMES C	W0HPD	MINNIAPOLIS MN	3/19/2011
08/31/12	10780	LARK, JAMES H	W5OYP	DALLAS TX	10/27/1982
08/31/12	23897	MULLEN, JACK R	W6ACQ	CAMARILLO CA	11/10/2007
08/31/12	09511	BURGIO, JOHN P	W2JB	CALDWELL NJ	2/1/2011
08/31/12	26192	SEIKE, HELMUT K	AA8GQ	TOLEDO OH	12/31/2000
08/31/12	08599	HARDWICK, ROBERT SLOAN	W4ETE	WILMINGTON NC	2/15/2001
08/31/12	19101	HITCHCOCK, THEODORE W	W1UUZ	WESLEY CHAPEL FL	6/23/2007
08/31/12	17386	ECKLAND, FRANCES	K9JSY	FISH CREEK WI	7/21/2012
08/31/12	05646	MC FALL, RUSSELL W	W4VMM	ORMAND BEACH FL	3/26/1994
08/31/12	07577	GOODWIN, MARTIN B	W5YQ	GRAND JUNCTION CO	4/1/2009
08/31/12	14634	VITALE, RALPH E	W8GTP	NEWBERRY MI	12/12/1998
08/31/12	20687	DENHAM, PHYLLIS	W7KGF	BOTHELL WA	6/19/2006
09/08/12	33417	FARMER, MAX	VE6SL	CALGARY AB	9/5/2012
09/09/12	10648	RIGGS, JACK D	N7AM	BREMERTON WA	10/14/2006
09/10/12	23824	SORENSEN, CURTIS E	W0PQM	FLOISSANT CO	8/2/2012
09/10/12	15381	LYONS, JAMES M	VE2KN	POINTE-CLARIE QU	9/3/2012
09/10/12	06144	GORLINKSY, VIC W	W4FS	RESTON VA	8/12/2012
09/12/12	30650	CAMPBELL, VON C	W2RDC	FT COLLINS CO	9/8/2012
09/14/12	24484	GIFFORD, MCKEE H	WA3EXX	SEWICKLEY PA	4/13/2012
09/21/12	15074	ARMSTRONG, WILLIAM	N8DAB	BEREA OH	10/11/2009
09/21/12	29639	MALLOY, JOHN J	WA8Q	BROOKPARK OH	6/3/2008

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09/21/12	23703	STOKLEY, ROBERT W	N4WCO	ANDREWS NC	1/1/2000
09/21/12	24319	GILLILAND, CHARLES A	WA0KDC	TOPEKA KS	6/7/2011
09/21/12	19638	SCHOBERT, DANIEL	W9MFG	PLOVER WI	11/24/2011
09/21/12	27804	HAYES, GORDON B	W1IUN	DUBLIN NH	12/9/2011
09/21/12	08184	GOETSCH, RENO W	W9NA	WHITEFISH MT	2/25/2005
09/22/12	35765	ATHEY, WILLIAM	AA4WE	ODESSA FL	9/16/2012
09/22/12	11317	BYARS, I D	W4KKO	HENDERSONVILLE TN	1/1/2005
09/22/12	09801	ANDREW, GILBERT S	W9BL	BROOKFIELD WI	12/03/2007
09/22/12	13027	PATTERSON, LARRY	W7HCB	MINNIAPOLIS MN	03/16/2011
09/22/12	32345	JONES, WALTER A 'BILL'	KC5XC	DENHAM SPRINGS LA	05/26/2012
09/22/12	07618	SCHAAF SMA, LEONARD	W8SPX	GRAND RAPIDS MI	7/12/2010
09/22/12	16584	HUGHES, RUSSEL B	W0IFS	PLYMOUTH MN	1/4/2012
09/22/12	25967	NEILSON, GEORGE E	W9OTX	CAPE GIARDEAU MO	7/12/2011
09/22/12	23852	LAMB, RUSSELL B	WU8H	HARLINGEN TX	7/14/2012
09/22/12	08964	WELLEY, RAYMOND C	N7RW	BENTON CITY WA	10/22/2010
09/22/12	17783	DICKERSON, LEWIS H	K3FSP	MILFORD DE	3/14/2003
09/22/12	13555	HAUCK, CORNELIA T	K6EXQ	VICTORVILLE CA	9/14/2008
09/22/12	15847	SCHREIBMAN, BERNARD I	W2QFQ	TINTON FALLS NJ	5/26/2012
09/22/12	13010	SUMPTER, DONALD FQ	W7VOU	NEZPERCE ID	8/28/2008
09/22/12	23311	IRELAND, FRANK E	K4UUO	MIAMI FL	6/25/2000
09/22/12	28943	KREY, TERRY F	N5TKR	AUSTIN TX	4/19/2002
09/22/12	14458	FROST, FLOYD JACK	K6MXR	MURRIETA CA	8/30/2006
09/22/12	18811	DUKE, JOHN F JR	N5DRV	ROSE HILL TX	8/22/2012
09/22/12	09729	HALPER, GEORGE S	W9SUF	MILWAUKEE WI	3/17/2003
09/22/12	16309	KENDRICK, LEWIS W	KA4NCU	MONTGOMERY AL	2/25/2006
09/22/12	13081	MCMASTER, JOHN B	K5AC	VANCLEAVE MS	4/20/2014
09/22/12	08486	HELLMAN, ALEX	W2OEQ	WOODHAVEN NY	9/18/2010
09/22/12	13390	DART, STEPHEN P	W5IVZ	ST FRANCISVILLE LA	7/8/2005
09/22/12	18706	DUCE, JOHN F	N6EDX	MONTERRY PARK CA	7/31/2005
09/22/12	12955	CASTKEM CHARLES C	KD4GF	HIGHLANDS FL	9/16/1995
09/22/12	13967	APODRUK, ALFRED	KL7BJV	WHITE MOUNTAIN AK	3/3/2002
09/22/12	07297	BLOG, MAURY	W2RBZ	EDISON NJ	2/22/2007
09/22/12	14424	CARD, PETER C	W1WDD	ATTLEBORO MA	8/15/2010
10/01/12	09482	KNIRKO, LEE	W9MOL	PARK RIDGE IL	11/6/2011
10/02/12	07267	MILLER, AL	VE7KC	PENTICON BC	9/30/2012
10/05/12	01803	STEELE, GEORGE DONALD 'DON'	W1NFG	CHESHIRE CT	9/15/2012
10/09/12	27198	PERRY, CHARLES K	K4OZX	KINGSPORT TN	9/9/2012
10/11/12	28414	ALLEN, ROBERT J	WB0FVK	SAN JOSE CA	9/23/2012
10/11/12	32805	GONOS, PETER	W6PX	SHINGLE SPRINGS CA	9/3/2012
10/13/12	11782	DOWNEY, JAMES TERRY	W6TD	RIDGECREST CA	2/16/2007
10/17/12	22810	BROWN, EDGAR W	N6OU	SYLMAR CA	10/15/2012
10/19/12	20825	MARGARONE, JOSEPH E	K2DSO	ORCHARD PARK NY	7/24/2012
10/22/12	07812	SHAFFER, WAYNE G	W3QAN	WATERFORD CT	10/18/2012
10/25/12	30016	SPENCER, DENNIS	AG0A	CAMERON MO	6/21/2002
10/25/12	12069	LIEBICH, HELMUT	DL1OY	GELDERN GERNANY	1/1/1993

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10/25/12	24569	FRIEDLAND, BENJAMIN J	K2BF	MENDHAM NJ	8/3/1988
10/25/12	06818	CHRISTIE, BEN F	K2BF	ST JAMES NY	6/19/1994
10/25/12	04080	HOGAN, ROBERT W	K2BV	CAMILLUS NY	9/1/1999
10/25/12	02323	MEINECKE, ERNEST A	K2BV	BROWARD FL	7/8/1983
10/25/12	12540	LEVY, RONALD S	K2CO	MORRISTOWN NJ	11/19/2009
10/25/12	07051	FINCH, RALPH D	K2CO	JAMESTOWN NY	6/1/1979
10/25/12	01185	CLINTON, JOSEPH H	K2ES	MC KEE CITY NJ	8/26/1977
10/25/12	05556	HARTMAN, HERBERT C	K2HY	BEACH HAVEN NJ	7/1/1977
10/25/12	31010	FARR, VICTOR	K4RUL	MONROE GA	5/24/2012
10/25/12	07260	WYNNE, WILLIAM AVERA	K4RUL	POMPANO BEACH FL	8/11/1987
10/25/12	0985	LESSIG, LINWOOD G	K4SV	HILLSDALE NJ	11/15/2000
10/25/12	06762	GARBLIK, ABNER M	K6SH	PLACITS NM	1/12/2008
10/25/12	04586	LERY, S E	K6YR	SAN DIEGO CA	4/10/1985
10/25/12	13601	WOLGAST, LES	KB7DK	MONMOUTH OR	10/30/1982
10/26/12	26662	HALL, ROBERT I	KE0JK	SPRINGFIELD MO	5/9/1999
10/26/12	15189	BURGER, MILAN R	KE4IM	GREENVILLE NC	5/4/1995
10/26/12	15190	TRAYNOR, RAYMOND H	KK0S	BELLA VISTA AR	12/2/2006
10/26/12	23818	SANSEFER, BILL	ND5C	RIO GRANDE CITY TX	5/18/1995
10/26/12	22030	GUT, FRANK E	NY2A	WADING RIVER NY	3/24/1996
10/26/12	05892	MICHAELSEN, E H	W1DRB	HYANNIS MA	11/20/1992
10/26/12	01772	GUIDA, JAMES A	W1KQ	ARLINGTON VT	11/19/2002
10/26/12	28751	CASWELL, GEORGE E SR	W1ME	SCARBOROUGH ME	2/3/2009
10/26/12	0565	MEDEIROS, JOHN R JR	W1ME	FALL RIVER MA	2/27/2002
10/29/12	22480	WALLACE, FRANCIS X	W2GKN	ALTAMONT NY	9/21/2012
10/30/12	18506	MILLER, JOHN W	W1PDI	HAMDEN CT	1/1/2002
10/30/12	08054	HAESLER, L W	W1WH	HUDSON NH	4/30/1997
10/30/12	08532	O'CONNOR, DONALD J	W2AJ	BINGHAMPTON NY	12/31/2008
10/30/12	03740	SCAVRON, GEORGE	W2AJ	UNION NJ	12/14/1975

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Dear Quarter Century Wireless Association:

I just wanted to take a moment to properly thank this organization for awarding me their generous \$1,000 scholarship. I apologize for not writing sooner, for reasons I will bring up later in this letter.

The scholarship money will go towards tuition for this school year. Thank goodness, the California legislature has decided to freeze the tuition rate for UC Davis this year at \$15,000. The tuition for the state colleges and universities in California has gone up exponentially over the past decade in relation to its entire history. Thank you once again for your much-needed support, for I believe this is the third time that I have received a scholarship from your organization! It is such an honor and a pleasure to be recognized by one of the most well-known organizations in the Ham Radio world.

Enclosed is the intern photo taken of me at the NASA Langley Research Center in Hampton, VA where I spent this summer doing a SOLAR/Langley Aerospace Research Student Scholars internship. I only heard that I was selected only a week or two before school ended in June. After applying for everything that I could in November and not hearing if I had been selected or rejected in late May, I summed up the courage to call up each individual NASA center that I had an application for and simply asked if the specific internship I had applied for was either filled or a dud. Turns out most of them had either lost funding, were duds, or were filled but when I called Langley, there was a last minute spot that had come up that very day.

I worked in a materials laboratory and helped an Italian graduate student finish his masters

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thesis in fracture mechanics. Basically, we broke composite specimens bonded together with a particular adhesive (this adhesive would be used to bond the joint that would be used on the next NASA deep space exploration vehicle — the Space Launch System) in different mechanical tests using a tensile testing machine. As the tests were conducted, we would have cameras trained on the speckle pattern we spray painted onto the side of the specimen. Those cameras would take pictures every fraction of a second. Then we would use special digital correlation software to match the change in the position of the dots in the pattern to deformations and strains in the sample.

It was interesting work and it taught me a lot about the aerospace industry, the working world, and NASA itself. I had always wanted to work at NASA ever since I was a kid. I hope to do something similar next summer, and although these are a bit of a reach, I would like to do the NASA Ames Space Exploration Academy or perhaps an internship at SpaceX.

Anyway, I included that little tidbit of my life just to show how I am finally getting out there and am achieving some of my dreams, and your support helped me along the way. Thank you for supporting me this year and those years before.

I am looking forward to returning to Davis this year as a junior. I finally take classes in my major, Aerospace Engineering, and am hoping to play a bigger role in one of the engineering project teams on campus.

I am also excited for the former astronaut (who is also a Davis grad), Stephen Robinson, who is coming back to UC Davis to teach as a professor and help bring more of the space side of things to the aerospace major at UCD. I am also looking forward for the chance to start again and apply some of the lessons I learned from last year.

I still enjoy rag-chewing when I get the chance and volunteer as communications at events when I can. I never imagined when I first took that technician test what Amateur Radio would come to mean in my life. It has become a fun hobby, a way to serve others, and a means to supporting my college aspirations. Thank you for running these scholarships and for helping hams reach for the stars.

Thank you,

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Fall Journal Matching Contest, by N1CC

A contest for you! Eleven members gave us responses by email and US Mail. Since the contest was for first with right answer, the folks who mailed instead of emailed were out of the running for all intents and purpose.

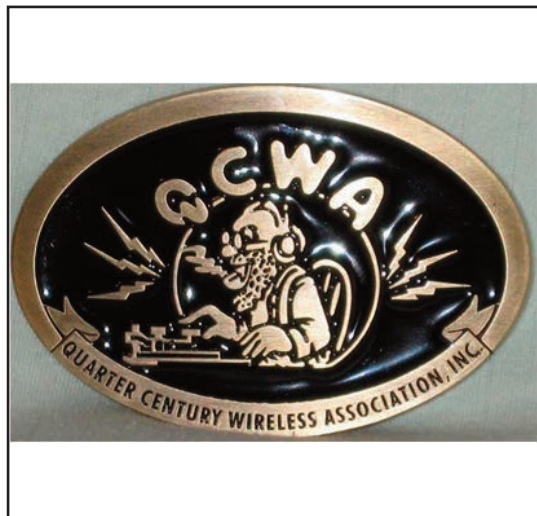
First one to get all right and the bonus was K2MN who wins a QCWA Cap as his prize! The second entry received to have them all right, and without the bonus was K9UQN who gets a QCWA mouse pad prize. The Lecher Wire wave meter was the bonus, and was answered 11 different ways, only K2MN knew what it was. Five folks tried to make "I" something besides a light-bulb dummy load, and the rig shown was a Viking Valiant, not on the choice list. There were 2 who chose "Numicron" instead of "24-Hour Analog" for Item B...a "Numicron" was that clunky clock with the numbers that rolled for hour and minute with a loud click-clunk sound.

The eJournal is looking for other contest ideas for each month. Who knows what the new committee will choose to let you play! Member answers are shown in order of receipt at HQ.

Item	Choice	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
A	37	X										
B	7	X					X					
C	16											
D	28											
E	32											
F	13											
G	51											
H	42	X										
I	26	X					X	X	X		X	
BONUS	LECHER	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
		50	110	100	100	100	80	90	90	100	90	100

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Chapter 181	W2OZA
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Chapter 45	WB4WMY
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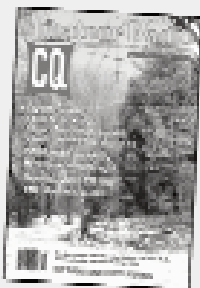
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Chapters On The Air!

NUM	NAME	DAY	TIME	NCS	FREQ	NUM	NAME	DAY	TIME	NCS	FREQ
FL SSB		SAT	1300Z	W4KOG	3955	108 BEAVER STATE Chapter	WED	0800L	VARIES	3854	
QCWA SSB		SUN	2000Z	varies	14347	109 BATON ROUGE Chapter	SUN	2000L	VARIES	146.79-	
FL SSB		WED	1500Z	W4NWF	7274	109 BATON ROUGE Chapter	SUN	0800L	VARIES	3905	
CONEX		SUN	0845L	W1ZEN	3917	110 KANSAS Chapter	SAT	0730L	NOLL	3920	
QCWA CW (Eastern Time Zone)	WED	2000L	N6SL	7.035		111 W PALM BEACH Chapter	T,TH,SAT	1900L	VARIES	147.045+	
1 CLEVELAND Chapter	WED	2000L	W8LYD	146.85-						pl 110.9	
2 CHICAGO AREA	1stTh	2130L	W9MOL	147.15+		112 YANKEE Chapter	SUN	0830L	W1GCA	3906	
5 DELAWARE VALLEY	SUN	0945L	WA3DSP	3917		114 NORTH TEXAS Chapter	SAT	0830L	WA5BXH	3933	
6 PITTSBURGH	SUN	0830L	N3GHI	147.03+		119 TIDEWATER VA	SUN	2100L	WQ4CWA	146.97-	
7 SOUTHERN CA	SUN	1930L	AC6C	147.360 +		119 TIDEWATER VA	SUN	0800L	WQ4CWA	3947	
			ECHOLINK K6VGP-R	8722		123 LEE DEFOREST Chapter	SAT	0730L	VARIES	3940	
7 SOUTHERN CA	SUN	1930L	AC6C	146.240-		126 PIEDMONT Chapter	SAT	0845L	VARIES	3825	
7 SOUTHERN CA	SUN	1100L	AC6C	7.034		130 INLAND EMPIRE	SAT	0800L	W6HV	3.9180	
7 SOUTHERN CA	SUN	0900L	W6LPJ	3.917		130 INLAND EMPIRE	FRI	1600L	W6HV	3.9180	
8 UPPER MIDWEST	SAT	0800L	W0OFY	3908		130 INLAND EMPIRE	WED	1930L	W6HV	1.896	
8 UPPER MIDWEST	DAILY	1700L	VARIES	145.31-		134 PINE TREE	SUN	1400L	VARIES	3942	
9 SOUTHWEST OH	Temporarily Suspended					135 MID-MICHIGAN Chapter	TUE	2000L	VARIES	146.70-	
10 MICHIGAN	SUN	0800L	VARIES	3.903		138 MARCONI Chapter	TUE	2100L	VARIES	147.045+	
10 MICHIGAN	SUN	1430L	VARIES	3.530		140 WYOMING Chapter	SAT	0800L	AB7BJ	3923	
11 NORTHERN CA	SAT	1000L	WB6IMX	146.925		145 Smokey Mountain	FRI	0830L	WA4CNI	3976	
11 NORTHERN CA	SUN	0900L	N6BCT	3852/7228		146 TWIN STATE Chapter	SUN	0830L	VARIES	3912	
						146 TWIN STATE Chapter	THUR	1900L	VARIES	146.76-	
14 SAN DIEGO	WED	2000L	VARIES	146.640-		149 NUTMEG Chapter	SUN	1030L	W1EFW	3923	
16 ARIZONA	SUN	0700L	W7LGB	3890		150 DEL-MAR-VA Chapter	SUN	0900L	NQ4Q	146.820-	
17 ALLENTOWN-BETHLEHEM	MON	2030L	VARIES	3692+/-		152 ROYAL PALM Chapter	MWF	1630L	K4FA	14190	
20 CHESAPEAKE	THU	2000L	KR3AB	146.76- pl 107.2		160 UTAH Chapter	SAT	1100L	VARIES	7272	
						162 SOUTHEAST WI	THUR	2100L	VARIES	147.27+	
21 CANTON OH Chapter	THU	1930L	VARIES	145.11-		165 YORK COUNTY PA	WED	2100L	W3EDO	146.97+	
25 NEBRASKA	SAT	0830L	VARIES	3.982						pl 123	
28 CENTRAL NY/ENDLESS MTNS	SUN	1030L	VARIES	3.917		166 COLONIAL PA	Sun-Fri	0900L	VARIES	146.985-	
29 FINGER LAKES - NY	TUE	1900L	WB2YGN	53.050- pl 71.9		169 SACRAMENTO VALLEY	M/THU	1730L	VARIES	3947.5	
						173 GOLDEN TRI Chapter	TUE	1930L	W9JRY	147.00-	
										ECHOLINK node 360259 K4FC-L	
31 READING,PA Chapter	MON	2100L	VARIES	146.91-		181 HUDSON VALLEY	SUN	0815L	W2NBT	3917	
32 GATOR Chapter	SAT	0900L	VARIES	145.29-		182 NORTHEAST TN	SUN	2100L	W4CZ	145.110-	
35 MIDCONTINENT Chapter	THU	2030L	N0UYN	146.94		183 PIONEER Chapter	SUN	0930L	VARIES	3923	
38 SAN ANTONIO Chapter	SUN	2030L	WA5KRP	147.38+		191 MONTEREY BAY Chapter	TUES	1930L	VARIES	146.70 + pl 94.8	
41 DALLAS Chapter	SUN	0715L	VARIES	3835							
45 CITRUS Chapter	TUE	1930L	W2AS	147.195+		194 HAWAII Chapter	1st S	1500L	KH6B	7088	
46 FOUNDER'S Chapter	SUN	0815L	W2NBT	3917		196 EDISON Chapter	DAILY	0730L	VARIES	147.345+	
49 PEACH STATE Chapter	SAT	0900E	K4VN	3857.5		198 MID SIERRA Chapter	SAT	0700I	VARIES	3908	
51 TEX-LA GOLDEN TRI	MON	1830L	W5AL	146.85		203 GILBERT CROSSLEY PA	SUN	2030L	K3YV	146.85	
55 WI Chapter	SUN	0830L	W19M	3985		210 OMAHA Chapter	TUES	1900L	W0OMA	147.36+	
55 WI Chapter	FRI	2000L	W9SFH	145.390-		211 NEOSHO VALLEY Chapter	SAT	0900C	VARIES	3907	
58 CO Chapter	SUN	0900L	W9KRE	3910						EXCEPT 4TH SAT	
58 CO Chapter	SUN	0930L	VARIES	146.67-		213 FRESNO CA	4TH MON	1930L	VARIES	146.850-	
62 SUWANNEE Chapter	SAT	0900L	N6SL	3940						pl 141.3	
63 CENTRAL OK Chapter	SUN	0730L	W5AS	3845kcs		213 FRESNO CA	4th MON	1930L	WQ6CWA	443.250 + pl 107.2	
63 CENTRAL OK Chapter	THUR	1900L	W5HXL	147.105+							
64 EL PASO Chapter	SAT	0830L	W5RO	3933		219 NEW-UP Chapter	2nd SAT	1600C	W8DXX	3838.	
67 AUSTIN Chapter	SAT	0900L	W5MDL	3920							
70 NATIONAL CAPITAL	MON	1930L	VE3QCW	147.030-							
76 BLUE RIDGE Chapter	SAT	0845L	K4HU	3.625 Mhz							
85 ARK-LA-TEX	CST MON	1930L	WA9PZL	146.670-							
85 ARK-LA-TEX	CDT MON	2000L	WA9PZL	146.670-							
89 PALMETTO STATE Chapter	SAT	0843L	N4RM	3930							
89 PALMETTO Chapter	SUN	1700L	N4RM	3695							
91 VIC CLARK Chapter	SUN	0900L	VARIES	146.91							
102 DAKOTA Chapter	SUN	1400Z	W0DAK	3889							
106 GERMAN Chapter	MON	1630Z	DL0QCW	3773							
106 GERMAN Chapter	TUE	1730Z	DL1MEB	3576							

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I, _____, _____
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Your Signature _____

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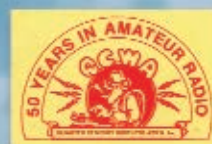
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